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Ukrainian servicemen defend the entrance of the Ukrainian navy headquarters in Sevastopol, Crimea, on Wednesday. Crimea's self-defense forces stormed the Ukrainian navy headquarters a day after Russia signed a treaty with local authorities to annex the region.

## 'Absolutely committed'

Biden sends warning to Putin as Russian forces take over in Crimea

By JOSH LEDERMAN  
The Associated Press

VILNIUS, Lithuania — Issuing an outright warning to Moscow, Vice President Joe Biden declared Wednesday the United States will respond to any aggression against its NATO allies, as Russia's neighbors looked warily to the escalating crisis in nearby Ukraine.

Standing side by side with a pair of Baltic leaders in Vilnius, Lithuania, Biden said the U.S. was "absolutely committed" to

defending its allies, adding that President Barack Obama plans to seek concrete commitments from NATO members to ensure the alliance can safeguard its collective security.

In a jab at Russia, he said the U.S. stands resolutely with Baltic states in support of the Ukrainian people against Russian aggression.

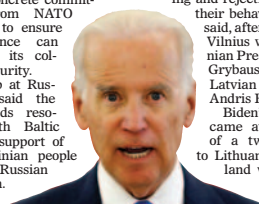
"Russia cannot escape the fact that the world is changing and rejecting outright their behavior," Biden said, after meeting in Vilnius with Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė and Latvian President Andris Bērziņš.

Biden's comments came at the close of a two-day trip to Lithuania and Poland with a two-pronged

theme: sending a stern message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that the U.S. won't abide Russian intervention in Ukraine, and reassuring fretful NATO allies that the U.S. and others will come to their defense if necessary.

"We're in this with you, together," Biden said. Amid the tough talk from Biden and the Baltic leaders, Russia's annexation of Crimea was increasingly looking like a foregone conclusion.

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## Setting the record straight: 24 GIs receive Medal of Honor

By CHRIS CARROLL  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON They made seemingly impossible solo assaults on enemy bunkers, or refused to leave their positions as they covered fellow soldiers withdrawing before overwhelming onslaughts. Many ignored terrible wounds and kept fighting until they died, or until they prevailed. They killed hundreds of hostile

troops and saved the lives of many brothers in arms.

The 24 soldiers honored in a historic ceremony Tuesday at the White House fought in World War II and the wars in Korea and Vietnam with all the ferocious skill and selfless bravery required of Medal of Honor recipients.

But until this week, each was the recipient of the second highest award a soldier can receive — the Distinguished Service Cross. And for decades, suspicion lingered

that for some of them, the nation's highest military honor was withheld not because they lacked daring or military prowess, but because of their family names, or because of skin color or religion.

After a congressionally mandated 12-year review of hundreds of valor medals in an effort to make sure prejudice played no role in Medal of Honor awards, the Army found that it had failed to properly recognize some of its bravest and best.

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# QUOTE

## OF THE DAY

"The RNC had become basically a U-Haul trailer of cash that gets hooked up to a nominee for a short period of time and then the national party went away for three years."

—Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus

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# MILITARY

## Record: Medal ceremony aims to correct historical injustice, Obama says

### FROM FRONT PAGE

"And today we have the chance to set the record straight," President Barack Obama said in the East Room at the White House. "No nation is perfect, but here in America, we confront our imperfections and face a sometimes painful past, including the truth that some of these soldiers fought and died for a country that did not always see them as equal."

Most of the recipients Tuesday are Hispanic-American, while one is African-American and the other is Jewish. During the review, Army researchers also found five non-minority soldiers who should have received the Medal of Honor.

Only three of the 24 — Vietnam veterans Santiago J. Erevia, Melvin Morris and Jose Rodela — lived to personally receive the Medal of Honor. Another 10 were killed in action, and the rest died in the decades after the wars in which they fought.

Don't look for bitterness over past wrongs among those who saw their medal awards upgraded Tuesday.

One of the three living recipients, retired Green Beret Morris, 72, told Stars and Stripes in an interview Monday he wasn't thinking about medals at all as he recovered from three gunshot wounds he received in September 1969. That's when he made three risky but ultimately successful charges into an enemy bunker complex to recover the body of a fellow Special Forces NCO.

And he'd already re-enlisted when he heard in 1970 that he would receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

"I didn't worry about it. I hadn't finished my job ... to beat the enemy," he said. "I just felt like I was supposed to do a whole year (in Vietnam) and I didn't do it."

Morris said he never wanted to dwell on why he hadn't received the Medal of Honor originally, but he admitted that a call from Obama in 2013 — whom he said apologized for the earlier medal award — affected him deeply.

"I don't hold anything against anyone," Morris said. "Times change, times move forward, and we look back to correct some things — so I feel good about that."

Charles R. Baldonado, younger brother of one of the posthumous Medal of Honor recipients Tuesday, said he'd heard many times over the years that Cpl. Joe R.



PHOTOS BY RICK VASQUEZ/Stars and Stripes

The Medal of Honor was awarded to Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Rodela and Spc. Santiago J. Erevia at the White House on Tuesday. The three men were the only living veterans to receive the medal out of 24 that the government concluded should have been honored long ago.

“That was then, and now is now, things have changed dramatically for the better. We still have a long way to go, but we'll get there. It's the American way.”

Charles R. Baldonado

brother of posthumous Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Joe R. Baldonado



From left, President Barack Obama presents Medals of Honor to Sgt. Ashley Randall, accepting on behalf of her grandfather, Pvt. Demensio Rivera; Lenora Alvarado, accepting on behalf of her father, Spec. 4 Leonard L. Alvarado; and Nancy Weinstein, accepting on behalf of her husband, Sgt. Jack Weinstein.

Baldonado deserved the nation's highest honor.

In November 1950, the young soldier had held off the enemy for hours in an exposed machine gun position before being killed in a final charge.

His brother, never wanting to succumb to negativity or anger,

pushed thoughts of prejudice out of his mind. But as it had for Morris, a call from President Obama convinced him to accept the reality that prejudice had influenced the award his brother had received.

"It sort of sank in a little bit that maybe it was something like that," Baldonado said.

But in the same instant, the president's call reassured him.

"That was then, and now is now, things have changed dramatically for the better," he said. "We still have a long way to go, but we'll get there. It's the American way."

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# MILITARY

## Faces of honor

The Medal of Honor awarded to 24 veterans who were passed over, many due to discrimination

On Tuesday, President Barack Obama awarded the nation's highest award for valor in combat — the Medal of Honor — to 24 Army veterans who were identified by a Pentagon review of discrimination in the awarding of military medals.

The honor comes too late for 21 of the recipients — only three, all from the Vietnam War, are still alive. Eight of the recipients served in Vietnam, nine in the Korean War and seven in World War II.

All of them had received the Distinguished Service Cross, The Pentagon review, ordered by Congress in 2002, determined whether deserving Hispanic and Jewish veterans had been discriminated against in receiving the lesser award when their courage under fire justified the nation's highest honor.

Of Tuesday's honorees, 17 are Latino, and another is Jewish. The review found that the remaining six — including an African-American — also deserved the medal.

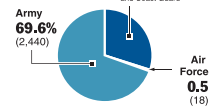
Total medals awarded

3,504

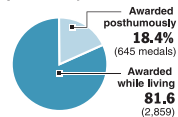
A different medal is awarded for each branch of the military. Shown is the Army's Medal of Honor.



Medals by service branch

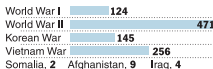


Percent awarded posthumously



Medals of Honor by conflict

Major conflicts since 1900



SOURCES: U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor Society, U.S. Army

### FOR SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II — 7



**Pvt. Pedro Cano**  
Dec. 2-3, 1944  
Near the German-Belgian border  
While on patrol, Cano lay motionless as enemy approached, then threw a grenade, wounding or killing them all. Cano was injured in this engagement or shortly thereafter.



**Pvt. Joe Gandara**  
June 9, 1944  
Northern coast of France  
Gandara advanced while his unit was pinned down by Germans, taking out three machine guns before he was killed.



**Staff Sgt. Salvador Lara**  
May 27-28, 1944  
West coast of Italy, near Rome  
With a severely wounded leg, Lara did not stop for medical help but continued to advance, single-handedly taking out a German machine gun.



**Staff Sgt. William Leonard**  
Nov. 7, 1944  
Eastern France, near Germany  
Leonard's group was reduced to eight men in a brutal battle; he led them in an assault to capture a roadblock despite heavy resistance and having been shot.



**Master Sgt. Manuel Mendoza**  
Oct. 9, 1944  
Northern Italy, near Bologna  
Mendoza, while wounded, broke up a German counterattack; he fended off 200 troops, resulting in 30 enemy casualties.



**Sgt. Alfred Nietzel**  
Nov. 18, 1944  
Near Germany's borders with Belgium and the Netherlands  
Nietzel held off enemy advances while ordering remaining squad to retreat; he stalled the enemy long enough for reinforcements to arrive before being killed.

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### FOR SERVICE IN KOREAN WAR — 9



**1st Lt. Donald Schwab**  
Sept. 17, 1944  
Eastern France, near Switzerland  
Schwab approached an enemy machine gun alone, hit an enemy soldier with the butt of his rifle, then dragged him to friendly territory, causing the enemy to withdraw.



**Cpl. Joe Baldonado**  
Nov. 25, 1950  
Outside Pyongyang, North Korea  
Baldonado, a machine gunner, manned his weapon from an exposed position and repelled repeated enemy advances, losing his life in the effort.



**Sgt. Victor Espinoza**  
Aug. 1, 1952  
South Korea, near border with North  
While attacking with his platoon, Espinoza overtook a machine-gun crew, an enemy tunnel and two bunkers.



**Sgt. 1st Class Eduardo Gomez**  
Sept. 3, 1952  
Central South Korea  
Gomez's company was attacked and outnumbered by the enemy. Gomez was injured while assaulting a manned tank, then provided protective fire as his company retreated.



**Pfc. Leonard Kravitz**  
March 6-7, 1951  
East of Seoul, South Korea  
While Kravitz's unit withdrew, he remained at a machine-gun position; he was killed, but he saved his entire platoon.



**Master Sgt. Jean Negron**  
April 28, 1951  
Near Pyongyang, North Korea  
Negron refused to leave his vulnerable flank position when other members of his company withdrew, fighting off an enemy assault with grenades.

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### FOR SERVICE IN VIETNAM WAR — 8



**Master Sgt. Mike Pena**  
Sept. 4, 1950  
Southern South Korea  
Pena manned a machine gun to cover his unit's retreat when it ran low on ammunition during a counterattack; he held off the enemy overnight, then was killed.



**Pfc. Demensio Rivera**  
May 22-23, 1951  
Southern tip of South Korea  
Rivera's rifle broke, forcing him to use his pistol and grenades; he was severely wounded by his own grenade, which he used to kill four of the enemy.



**Pvt. Miguel Vera**  
Sept. 21, 1952  
North Korea, close to border with South  
Although wounded, Vera volunteered to rejoin his platoon to resume an attack; while single-handedly covering his unit's retreat, he was killed.



**Sgt. Jack Weinstein**  
Oct. 18, 1951  
Southern South Korea  
Weinstein stayed back to cover his unit's withdrawal; after running out of rifle ammo, he used his grenades to hold off the enemy until his unit was able to come back for him.



**Spc. Leonard Alvarado**  
Aug. 12, 1969  
Southeast Vietnam  
On a mission to help a trapped platoon, Alvarado advanced through enemy fire and pulled back several soldiers before he was killed.



**Staff Sgt. Felix Conde-Falcon**  
April 4, 1969  
Near what is now Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
Conde-Falcon was killed while his platoon attacked enemy bunkers; he charged the bunkers with grenades, destroying them as he advanced.

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**Sgt. Arlie Copas**  
May 12, 1970  
Cambodia, near the Vietnamese border  
After his armored vehicle was hit, a wounded Copas returned to it and held back the enemy while others were evacuated; he was killed in the battle.



**Sgt. Jesus Duran**  
April 10, 1969  
Near what is now Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
Duran, a machine-gunner, fired at the enemy and forced them to retreat during a mission to clear a bunker complex, saving several wounded Americans.



**Sgt. Santiago Erevia**  
May 21, 1969  
Northern side of South Vietnam, on the coast  
While helping wounded soldiers, Erevia came under enemy attack; he counterattacked, taking over enemy bunkers more than 150 feet away.



**Sgt. Candelario Garcia**  
Dec. 8, 1968  
Outside what is now Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
After his platoon discovered an enemy camp, Garcia charged two enemy bunkers, rescued two casualties and helped the platoon advance.



**Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris**  
Sept. 17, 1969  
Northern tip of Vietnam  
Morris led a mission to recover the body of a fallen soldier, clearing out numerous bunkers and suffering three injuries, saving lives by preventing chaos.



**Master Sgt. Jose Rodela**  
Sept. 1, 1969  
Eastern coast of Vietnam  
In the confusion of a heavy barrage of mortars and rockets, Rodela physically pushed his company members into a defensive position, saving lives by preventing chaos.

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## MILITARY

# Officers, wife voice support for Sinclair

By MICHAEL BIESECKER  
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — An Army general who admitted to inappropriate relationships with three subordinates was described as a selfless leader by fellow officers on Wednesday during testimony that the defense hopes will lead to a lenient sentence.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair also broke down in tears when one of his attorneys read a letter his wife wrote.

Sinclair's sentencing hearing was expected to wrap up in the afternoon after both sides deliver closing arguments. It's not clear, though, how long it will take the judge to decide on Sinclair's sentence.

Sinclair faces a maximum of 21½ years in prison and dismissal from the Army, but will likely wind up with a far less severe punishment.

The sentence can't exceed terms in a sealed agreement between defense lawyers and military attorneys. The judge will make his own decision before unsealing the agreement, and Sinclair will receive whichever is the more lenient punishment.

The general admitted he mistreated a captain under his command during a three-year affair and had improper relationships with two other women. He also pleaded guilty to adultery — a crime in the military — as well as using his government-issued credit card to pay for improper trips to see his mistress and other conduct unbecoming an officer.

The 51-year-old general had been accused of forcing the female captain to perform oral sex during the three-year affair, but the sexual assault charges were dropped as part of the plea deal.

When the letter from his wife was read, Sinclair buried his head in his hands, appeared to cry and dabbed his eyes with two tissues.

In the letter, Rebecca Sinclair says she hasn't fully forgiven her husband but doesn't want the Army to punish him and his family further with a significant reduction to his pension and other benefits.

"Believe me when I tell you that the public humiliation and vilification he has endured are nothing compared to the private suffering and guilt he lives with every day. He is racked with guilt over the pain he has caused me, my children and the Army," writes Rebecca Sinclair, who hasn't attended her husband's hearings.

Defense lawyers finished calling character witnesses before the letter was read. Sinclair was expected to address the court himself in the



JOHNNY HORNE, THE FAYETTEVILLE (N.C.) OBSERVER/AP

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair leaves the courthouse at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Monday.

afternoon.

Col. Kenneth Kelly, who's currently based in Tokyo, served under Sinclair in Iraq and praised his leadership.

"He was selfless. He was always more concerned about what his soldiers were doing than his bosses," Kelly said.

One of the general's brothers, Clark Sinclair, testified that their parents taught them to work hard and be respectful. The older Sinclair, who works for the FBI, said his brother told him when the scandal erupted that he would hear things that weren't true about the

longtime Army officer. But Jeffrey Sinclair also took responsibility, he said.

Clark Sinclair quoted his brother as saying: "I messed up as a commander, I had an affair. I don't deserve to be a commander."

Prosecutors have countered some of the witnesses by asking them whether a true leader would ask subordinates for nude pictures — behavior that Sinclair has admitted to.

**'The public humiliation and vilification he has endured are nothing compared to the private suffering and guilt he lives with every day.'**

Rebecca Sinclair  
wife of Brig. Gen.  
Jeffrey Sinclair

# Attorneys question accuser's cooperation in Naval Academy case

By JESSICA GRESKO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorneys for a former Naval Academy football player charged with sexual assault grilled his accuser on the witness stand Wednesday, questioning why she didn't initially cooperate with investigators.

The defense for Joshua Tate argues he had consensual sex with the woman at an alcohol-fueled party in 2012, but prosecutors say the woman blacked out and was too drunk to consent. Tate is charged with aggravated sexual assault and lying to investigators. The court-martial is being closely watched case as the military tries to improve the way it handles sexual assault cases.

One of Tate's lawyers, Jason Ehrenberg, asked the woman about why she tried to frustrate investigators' efforts to learn what happened.

The woman said she went to the captain of the football team to ask for his help in squashing rumors that she had sex with multiple people at the party. One of Tate's lawyers also played a recorded phone call between Tate and the woman in which she suggested he lie to investigators about what happened.

"I don't want this to go anywhere, I really don't," she said in the call, adding that she didn't give any names to investigators.

When Tate asked why he might be interviewed she says: "You're involved, Tate."

She said Tate asked her if she had a rape kit done and she did not. She also said he wanted to be friends.

"He asked me several times 'why can't we be friends?'" she said.

The alleged victim said she started cooperating with investigators after she found a mentor and realized she needed to stand

up for herself. She spent about five hours testifying over two days.

Prosecutors initially accused Tate and two other students, all of them football players, of sexually assaulting the woman during a party in which men wore togas and women wore yoga pants. Tate, now 22 and in his third year, is the only one who remains charged in the case.

The head of the Naval Academy decided in October not to go forward with charges against Traves Bush, of Johnston, S.C., finding that there were no "reasonable grounds" to believe that a crime had been committed in his case.

The other man initially accused, Eric Graham of Eight Mile, Ala., testified Wednesday that he saw Tate step out of a car, where the alleged assault occurred. At that point, Tate suggested the woman wanted to talk to Graham, he testified.

Charges against Graham were dropped in January after a military judge said statements he made during an investigation would not be admissible during a trial.

Prosecutors have described the woman as so drunk she blacked out, walking and talking but not remembering what was going on. Several of the woman's classmates testified Tuesday, and two of them who described themselves as friends said she was drunk at the party. Tate's attorneys, meanwhile, argued that the woman was in control of her body and able to make her own decisions, including those about sex.

Tate has elected to have a judge decide his case. He faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted of the most serious charge he faces, aggravated sexual assault, his lawyer said.

# AFN, DODEA team up to fight bullying with special broadcast

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — It may be "March Madness" time, but college basketball won't be the only thing dominating American Forces Network television airwaves this weekend.

On Sunday, AFNfamily will air seven hours of anti-bullying programming in Europe and the Pacific. The special "stop bullying" broadcast is being shown in cooperation with the Department of Defense Education Activity. The event will be interactive, with parents and students invited to share information and constructive comments during the program via social media.

The program "highlights kids with their ideas to stop bullying

— kids know kids," said George Smith, chief of affiliate relations at the AFN Broadcast Center in Riverside, Calif. Smith said he's convinced "something is there for every parent and every school child and we hope they can get something out of it."

The first segment, "Stand Up: Military Kids Against Bullying," airs at noon Central European Time/Japan-Korea Time. It features different initiatives by students at Department of Defense Dependence Schools-Europe.

These include a video class at Ramstein High School centered on bullying and a Facebook page, "BULLYCLUB101," started by Sembach Middle School student Tierra Kienzie.

Kienzie, 13, created the page about a year ago, in the midst of

"a lot of drama at my school ... and me being the person everybody came to talk to," she said.

The page has since attracted students from around the world, with the group's 115 members offering advice to one another on dealing with bullying and other problems.

Bullying, Kienzie said, is a universal problem.

"Every school I've been to, being a military child, everybody bullies. Bullying is everywhere," she said. "It could just be a sly comment, where the person thinks they're joking around; but the person they say it to may not think about it in the same way."

DODEA officials said all discipline issues, including bullying, are tracked at the individual school level. Bullying incidents may be

recorded in discipline reports in ways that make it difficult to specifically track, such as a "fight" or "altercation," said DODEA spokeswoman Elaine Kanellis in an email to Stars and Stripes.

"The program has not been an increase in bullying," she said. "Our program is preventative, and this was a great opportunity to highlight this important topic again."

AFN's slate of anti-bullying programming ends with a 5:30 p.m. showing of the 2011 documentary "Bully." The movie follows five examples of bullying over the course of a school year, including those of Ty Field-Smalley, 11, and Tyler Long, 17, two boys who killed themselves after enduring persistent bullying at

their schools.

During the day's entire broadcast, parents and students are invited to join an online conversation and share their comments, observations and questions with AFN and DODEA. DODEA staff will be monitoring Twitter, send tweets to @DODEA#StopBullying.

Comments can also be left on AFN's Facebook page.

In the program's anti-bullying spirit, "arguments, mean-spirited discussions and hurtful comments will be deleted from Facebook," says an AFN news release.

For more information on Sunday's broadcast, go to [tinyurl.com/5utlkr](http://tinyurl.com/5utlkr)

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## MILITARY

# Navy to keep tuition assistance at 100 percent

By HENDRICK SIMOES  
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Navy will continue to cover 100 percent of sailors' tuition costs through September of next year, the chief of Naval Operations announced this week.

Adm. Jonathan Greenert told sailors during an all-hands call from Mayport, Fla., on Tuesday that he wanted tuition assistance to remain at 100 percent for fiscal 2015.

However, Greenert did not exclude the possibility of introducing at some point a split-pay model in which the Navy would pay 75 percent and the sailor 25 percent of tuition costs. Greenert said the Navy may eventually ask sailors to put some "skin in the game," but he said he wanted tuition assistance to be at 100 percent for fiscal 2015.

The Navy increased tuition assistance from 75 percent to 100 percent in 2002 in

an effort to boost recruitment and retention. That policy has been a mainstay of the Navy's program ever since.

Before Tuesday's announcement, Greenert and other top Navy officials had been floating the possibility at various all-hands calls of the idea of reducing the incentive as early as next year. Such a move would have put the Navy in step with the other service branches, which have all tightened their

programs in one way or another.

Greenert stressed the importance of education and the program's role in helping sailors make the transition from the Navy to civilian life. "I want educated sailors; I want you to leave with all the certifications you can so that you can get a job immediately," Greenert said.

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## New process to speed disability claims for some

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The federal government has launched a new process to expedite Social Security disability claims for a special category of veterans, the Social Security Administration announced Tuesday.

Under the new system, veterans with a Veterans Affairs disability compensation rating of 100 percent permanent and total will have their applications for Social Security disability benefits processed faster, similar to the way the agency currently handles disability claims from Wounded Warriors.

"We have reached another milestone for those who have sacrificed so much for our country, and this process ensures they will get the benefits they need quickly," Acting Social Security Commissioner Carolyn Colvin said in a news release. "While we can never fully repay them for their sacrifices, we can be sure we provide them with the quality of service that they deserve. This initiative is truly a lifeline for those who need it most."

Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., who introduced legislation in Congress to promote the initiative, praised the change.

"No one wants to put America's veterans through a bureaucratic runaround," he said in the release. "As the baby boomer generation ages and more veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan need care, this common sense change will help reduce backlogs and cut through unnecessary red tape so that our most disabled veterans receive the benefits they've earned."

To receive the expedited service, veterans must inform Social Security that they have a 100 percent permanent and total disability compensation rating and provide a copy of their VA notification letter as proof of their disability rating.

Having the 100 percent rating does not guarantee that a veteran's application for Social Security disability benefits will be approved; it only ensures that the claims process will be expedited for them. Veterans must meet strict Social Security eligibility requirements to receive a disability allowance, according to Social Security.

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## MIDEAST

# US pushes to finish ill-fated Afghan dam project

By CID STANDIFER

Stars and Stripes

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Amid controversy and violence, USAID is taking one more shot at finishing Kajaki Dam, a project that has thwarted American plans and drained its coffers for a decade.

Kajaki Dam in Helmand province has the potential to dramatically improve the electricity supply in a key region of Afghanistan, including its second-largest city, Kandahar.

The dam, which has become emblematic of all that has gone wrong with reconstruction in Afghanistan, was built with American funds in the 1950s. In the 1970s, the U.S. Agency for International Development installed two turbines and left a space in the powerhouse for a third — now known as the “ghost bay.” But plans to install the third unit were abandoned after the Soviet invasion in 1979.

The newest contractor for Kajaki, GFA Consulting, will still have to contend with violent conditions on the ground and daunting logistics challenges that have plagued the project since work on the dam was first contracted out in 2004. But USAID, GFA and Afghani-

stan's utility company all said they plan to push through anyway.

“Skepticism or no, work is going forward,” USAID Afghanistan Mission Director William Hammink said in an email. Even as American forces are pulling out of the province, Washington has pledged another \$75 million in direct aid to Afghanistan's national utility to complete the project.

But in a letter to Congress this month, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction questioned whether the projected benefits of the dam are even worth the cash now pledged to it.

While SIGAR and USAID have come up with different estimates for the project, even USAID's more conservative figure puts the cost of the project at more than \$300 million.

Kajaki Dam is nestled in a valley in Helmand province, one of the most restive areas of Afghanistan and the epicenter of its poppy economy. The Helmand River, broken by the dam's massive structure, winds from the Hindu Kush Mountains in rugged northeast Afghanistan hundreds of miles south to the desert and to some of the most violent districts of Afghanistan, such as Sangin and Lashkar Gah. The dam itself

was the scene of heavy fighting in 2007.

After the U.S. invasion in 2001, pressure mounted to finish a project begun so long ago. But, like so many of the U.S. plans for Afghanistan, it has repeatedly gone off the rails.

In its first attempt at installing a third turbine, USAID hired the China Machine-Building International Corp. CMIC had generator parts built and shipped to Afghanistan in 2006. That's when the trouble started.

According to USAID, it took two years just to get all the generator components to the site “due to the non-permissive environment created by Anti Government Elements along the transport route,” a euphemism for insurgents and their ability to disrupt supply routes. Small pieces of equipment were airlifted, and a military convoy had to move the largest parts.

Then, three months after the generator parts finally arrived at the dam, the Chinese government told CMIC it was too dangerous to stay. In November 2008, it pulled up stakes.

The next company to try its hand at the project was an American contractor, Black & Veatch. It was hired to complete the project in late 2010, but its involvement

was also ill-fated. For three years, Black & Veatch faced criticism for slow progress at Kajaki while USAID racked up a multimillion-dollar bill for logistics and security.

Black & Veatch did not respond to a request for comment.

Last May, USAID turned over the lead role to Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, the Afghan state's power company, though the aid agency remains deeply involved. After the power company put the contract out for bid, GFA took over from Black & Veatch in December.

It found the generator much as the Chinese company left it, according to project director Geoff Robinson.

“It's all in bits. There's lots and lots and lots of bits,” he said. Still, if the dam were anywhere else in the world the turbine would be done by now, he said.

Without a military convoy, helicopters are the only safe way to reach the valley.

“The difficulty ... is getting in and getting out,” he said. When asked what it would take to drive GFA off the project, Robinson said they would leave “when we start getting shot at.”

But the fact remains that the security situation isn't getting better, and may get worse

before the project is completed.

In dissuading a reporter from traveling there in February, public affairs officer Col. Chris Garver described the situation in Kajaki district as “kinetic.”

“When I say kinetic, I don't mean occasional attacks, I mean fighting nearly every day,” he said.

If someday someone does manage to turn on the third turbine, it will be a boon to the people of Afghanistan's south, especially Kandahar city, which suffers from a chronic electricity shortage. More than half its factories have shut down for want of power, and homes have electricity for only six to eight hours per day.

Haji Asha Lalai Dastagiri, member of the Kandahar provincial council, said Kandahar's chronic electricity shortage has become even more dire in recent months, since USAID stopped paying for fuel for the city's generators after its agreement expired in September. At the same time, he said power flowing from Kajaki's existing two generators has declined. Without power, many of the city's factories are at a standstill, and citizens are suffering, he said.

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## MILITARY

# 2nd guilty plea in Navy bribery scandal

By ERIK SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

**YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan** — The general manager of a Navy contractor accused of bribing high-level Navy officers pleaded guilty Tuesday in federal court in San Diego to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Alex Wisidagama faces up to 10 years in prison for overbidding the Navy while his co-workers at Glenn Defense Marine Asia, a ship-support contractor, pled officers with cash, prostitutes and luxury travel in exchange for their help. He is the second man involved in the case to plead

guilty.

In December, former Naval Criminal Investigative Service supervisory agent John Bertrand Beliveau Jr. pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery after sharing information about a criminal probe into GDMA with company owner Leonard Glenn Francis, known to associates as "Fat Leonard." Francis, a Malaysian national, was arrested last year in San Diego and continues to fight conspiracy and bribery charges. Wisidagama, a Singaporean citizen, is Francis' cousin.

GDMA submitted false competitive bids for incidental services, such as providing trash and water barges, about 177 times to

ships on port visits to Phuket, Thailand, between September 2011 and June 2012, according to the court complaint against Wisidagama.

Wisidagama also oversaw false bids in other parts of Thailand, as well as Malaysia and Brunei, according to court documents. He would then overbill the Navy for incidentals not included in the bids, costing the Navy at least \$2.3 million.

For five port visits in 2011, GDMA overcharged the Navy by more than \$3 million, according to the complaint.

Wisidagama also created fictitious port authorities, and, in other cases, fake invoices from

legitimate port authorities, according to the plea agreement.

Court documents state that Wisidagama and other GDMA employees bribed Navy officers in order to steer ships to ports where the company knew it could more easily overbill ships.

"Certain ports are more lucrative than others," the complaint against Wisidagama stated. "GDMA employees referred to these ports as 'Pearl Ports.'"

Cmdr. Michael Vannak Khem Misiewicz, a captain-select who commanded the USS Mustin, and later served as deputy operations officer aboard the USS Blue Ridge for the Yokosuka-based U.S. 7th Fleet, is among those accused of

sending ships to those lucrative ports in exchange for bribes.

Cmdr. Jose Luis Sanchez has also been charged by federal prosecutors with providing classified ship schedule information to Francis in exchange for bribes.

Vice Adm. Ted Branch, Rear Adm. Bruce Loveless and former USS Bonhomme Richard commander Capt. Daniel Dusek are all under investigation in relation to the scandal but have not been charged. Navy officials have stated. Allegations leveled at the admirals involve "inappropriate conduct" prior to their current ranks, officials have said.

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## New Europe posts for Gens. Cavoli, Piatt

By MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

The Defense Department has tapped an 82nd Airborne Division deputy commander to head the Joint Multinational Training Command, which is headquartered in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Brig. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli, the All Americans' deputy commanding general for operations, will replace Brig. Gen. Walter E. Piatt, a former enlisted man who has been named to take over as deputy commanding general and chief of staff of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, headquartered in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The post of USAREUR deputy is currently held by Maj. Gen. Richard Longo who, with his wife, Dianne, is retiring this summer to Park City, Utah. USAREUR said in a statement Wednesday.

Piatt, a former commandant

of the U.S. Army's infantry school and deputy commander for support of the 10th Mountain Division, is expected to take over from Longo sometime this summer.

That is also when Cavoli is slated to take command of JMTC, the U.S. Army's largest training command outside the U.S., which includes two large training areas where Europe-based U.S. Army units have trained for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. The facilities also host various NATO and friendly foreign military units.

Cavoli will take over in the



Cavoli



Piatt

combat power in Europe has been reduced by half.

"Now we do have a sizable mission to support multinational training, and although that has not necessarily gone down as much, it has gone down" because the war in Afghanistan is winding down, JMTC chief of staff Col. Adam Loveless said in an interview with Stars and Stripes in February.

A round of personnel cuts an-

nounced by USAREUR last month includes the elimination of 83 military, nine U.S. civilian and 114 local national civilian employee positions from the JMTC.

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## Article 32 hearing is set for airman charged in death of AFN co-worker

By MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

**KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany** — The Air Force has scheduled a hearing to determine whether an airman charged with murdering an American Forces Network broadcaster in Germany will face a court-martial.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean M. Oliver has been charged in connection with the apparent strangling death in December of one of his co-workers, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dmitry Chepusov. An Article 32 hearing — the military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding — is set for May 12.

Oliver, a 34-year-old broadcast engineer, and Chepusov, a 31-year-old broadcaster, worked for AFN at Ramstein Air Base. German police discovered Chepusov dead in the passenger seat of a car Oliver was driving on Dec. 14,

The Air Force charged Oliver on March 10 with murder, obstruction of justice and making false statements about Chepusov's death.

Few details about the case have emerged since German authorities turned the case over to Air Force investigators in December.

"We won't further discuss any details because we don't want to affect or prejudice the outcome of a fair trial," base spokeswoman Sandra Archer wrote in an email Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations in Quantico, Va., did not respond to questions about the case by Stars and Stripes' deadline. Oliver told police that Chepusov was an acquaintance and that the two had been out drinking together before becoming separated either late in the evening of Dec. 13 or early in the

morning Dec. 14, according to a statement from German authorities in mid-December.

Oliver later found Chepusov heavily intoxicated but alive and put him in the car's passenger seat, the airman told police.

Oliver was pulled over for driving erratically early on the morning of Dec. 14 and was found to be legally intoxicated, the prosecutor's office in Kaiserslautern, said. While searching Oliver's vehicle, police discovered Chepusov unresponsive in the passenger seat. Medical personnel later declared him dead at the scene.

An autopsy by German investigators concluded that Chepusov died of "force to the neck." The prosecutor's office said German authorities are no longer involved in the case.

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## NATION

# NSA can track every call a nation makes

Surveillance program is capable of recording, storing a country's conversations for 1 month

By **BARTON GELLMAN**  
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*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — The National Security Agency has built a surveillance system capable of recording "100 percent" of a foreign country's telephone calls, enabling the agency to rewind and review conversations as long as a month after they take place, according to people with direct knowledge of the effort and documents supplied by former contractor Edward Snowden.

A senior manager for the program compares it to a time machine — one that can replay the voices from any call without requiring that a person be identified in advance for surveillance.

The voice interception program, called MYSTIC, began in 2009. Its RETRO tool, short for "retrospective retrieval," and related projects reached full capacity against the first target nation in 2011. Planning documents two years later anticipated similar operations elsewhere.

In the initial deployment, collection systems are recording "every single" conversation nationwide, storing billions of them in a 30-day rolling buffer that clears the oldest calls as new ones arrive, according to a classified summary.

The call buffer opens a door "into the past," the summary says, enabling users to "retrieve audio of interest that was not tasked at the time of the original call." Analysts listen to only a fraction of 1 percent of the calls, but the absolute numbers are high. Each month, they send millions of voice

clippings, or "cuts," for processing and long-term storage.

At the request of U.S. officials, The Washington Post is withholding details that could be used to identify the country where the system is being employed or other countries where its use was envisioned.

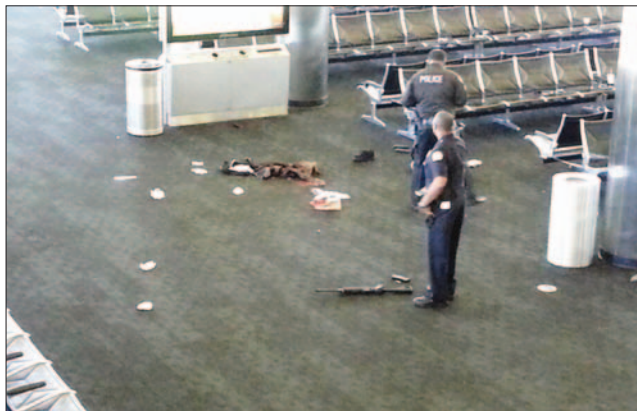
No other NSA program disclosed to date has swallowed a nation's telephone network whole. Outside experts have sometimes described that prospect as disquieting but remote, with notable implications for a growing debate over the NSA's practice of "bulk collection" abroad.

Bulk methods capture massive data flows "without the use of discriminants," as President Barack Obama put it in January. By design, they vacuum up all the data they touch — meaning that most of the conversations collected by RETRO would be irrelevant to U.S. national security interests.

In the view of U.S. officials, however, the capability is highly valuable.

In a statement, Caitlin Hayden, spokeswoman for the National Security Agency, declined to comment on "specific alleged intelligence activities." Speaking generally, she said "new or emerging threats" are "often hidden within the large and complex system of modern global communications, and the United States must consequently collect signals intelligence in order to identify these threats."

**The call buffer opens a door "into the past," according to a classified summary, enabling users to "retrieve audio of interest that was not tasked at the time of the original call."**



Police stand near a weapon at the Los Angeles International Airport after a gunman opened fire in the terminal, killing one person and wounding several others Nov. 1. A report on the emergency response to the shooting cites serious shortcomings in communication between agencies.

## Reactions harsh to report of lapses during deadly LA airport shooting

*The Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles International Airport is inexcusably lacking in its capacity to deal with a crisis, local and national government officials said, calling the communication lapses described in a report on last year's deadly airport shooting everything from a "failure" and an "embarrassment."

While all were quick to praise the Transportation Security Administration officer who was killed and the officers who took down and arrested his attacker, they said the airport's emergency response, hindered by communication problems and poor coordination, had to change quickly and thoroughly.

"I would say this is a nationwide failure so far," Mayor Eric Garcetti said, "for us to be 13 years almost, 12½ years after 9/11 still

trying to figure out a way to talk to each other frustrates me as a policymaker, frustrates me as the mayor of the second biggest city in America, frustrates me as a leader of this airport too, which is consistently a target for international terrorism and domestic terrorism."

Congresswoman Maxine Waters, whose district includes the airport, was more blunt, saying she was "shocked and dismayed" at the system that "clearly failed on this critical day."

"This report is an embarrassment," Waters said in a statement. The airport "spends \$125 million on security every year. With this level of investment, LAX should have a state-of-the-art emergency response system."

Garcetti expressed particular frustration in the lack of communication between the airport and

travelers, many of whom were left clueless in the incident's aftermath. Garcetti said he found himself giving out information as he walked through the airport the day of the Nov. 1 attack, and that airport officials "shouldn't have to rely on people like myself."

Despite the reaction, the 83-page report released Tuesday was as notable for the lapses it left out as those it highlighted.

While spotlighting flaws in various airport divisions, it did not single out individuals responsible for problems.

It also didn't mention that two airport police officers assigned to Terminal 3 were out of position without notifying dispatchers, as required, or discuss a decision months before the shooting to have police officers roam terminals instead of staffing security checkpoints such as the one approached by the attacker.

## Organizer defends Minn. Nazi-themed party as exercise for re-enactors

*Star Tribune (Minneapolis)*

MINNEAPOLIS — The man behind a World War II party that featured Nazi flags and men dressed in SS uniforms said it

was an exercise for actors who play historical roles at fairs and in movies, not a political statement.

His explanation comes days after a leaked photo from the private event was published online

by City Pages, provoking a firestorm of protest against the party and the northeast Minneapolis restaurant, Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit, that hosted it.

"By no means do we glorify the

edicts of the Third Reich," said Scott Steben, who characterized himself as a history buff who has landed movie parts as a German soldier. "I understand the sensitivity of the subject matter and everything but

it did occur and it is history."

He said the group screens out neo-Nazis or anyone with a criminal record.

The party was held on Martin Luther King Day.

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## NATION

# Health law excludes many top cancer centers

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cancer patients relieved that they can get insurance coverage because of the new health care law may be disappointed to learn that some of the nation's best cancer hospitals are off-limits.

An Associated Press survey found examples coast to coast. Seattle Cancer Care Alliance is excluded by five out of eight insurers in Washington state's insurance exchange. MD Anderson Cancer Center says it's in less than half of the plans in the Houston area. Memorial Sloan-Kettering

is included by two of nine insurers in New York City and has out-of-network agreements with two more.

Doctors and administrators say they're concerned. So are some state insurance regulators.

In all, only four of 19 nationally recognized comprehensive cancer centers that responded to AP's survey said patients have access through all the insurance companies in their state exchange.

Not too long ago, insurance companies would have been vying to offer access to renowned cancer centers, said Dan Mendelson, CEO of the market research firm

Avalere Health. Now the focus is on costs.

"This is a marked deterioration of access to the premier cancer centers for people who are signing up for these plans," Mendelson said.

Those patients may not be able get the most advanced treatment.

And there's another problem: It's not easy for consumers shopping online in the new insurance markets to tell whether top-level institutions are included in a plan. That takes additional digging by the people applying.

Advocates for cancer patients are in a quandary. Before President Barack

Obama's health care law, a cancer diagnosis could make you uninsurable. Now, insurers can't turn away people with health problems or charge them more. Lifetime dollar limits on policies, once a financial trapdoor for cancer patients, are also banned.

"Patients may have fewer choices of doctors and hospitals in some exchange plans than others ... but the rules for such plans go a long way toward remedying the most severe problems that existed for decades," said Steve Weiss, spokesman for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.



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Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn, top left, greets supporters after declaring his Democratic primary victory on Tuesday in Chicago. He will face businessman Bruce Rauner, top right, seen celebrating Tuesday night after defeating three rivals to become the Republican gubernatorial candidate.

## Economy views may decide Ill. race

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The race for Illinois governor is shaping up as a battle of vastly different visions on how to revive a lagging economy in one of the Midwest's slow Democratic strongholds.

While the incumbent Democrat has increased taxes and pushed for raising the minimum wage, the multimillionaire Republican facing him this fall wants to curtail government unions and run President Barack Obama's home state like a business.

By winning the Republican primary Tuesday night, venture capitalist Bruce Rauner advances to a November matchup with Gov. Pat Quinn expected to be one of the hardest fought and expensive in the nation. As Republicans attempt to reclaim the state's top of-

fice for the first time in more than a decade, labor unions — traditionally aligned with Democrats — are trying to avoid another blow like they've felt under GOP governors elsewhere. Organized labor spent millions trying to derail a Rauner nomination.

The Winnetka venture capitalist, who sunk more than \$6 million of his own money into his campaign to defeat three veteran lawmakers during his first bid for public office, targeted the "career politicians" and government "union bosses" he says have caused Illinois' woeful financial situation.

Speaking at a victory celebration at a Chicago hotel, Rauner called Quinn a failure and said he wants to "bring back Illinois" by giving working families a

chance to increase their income, get a good education and raise their families in prosperity. He has said he'd do that by lowering taxes, cutting spending and making Illinois friendlier to business.

"The voters are going to face a stark choice in November, a major decision about the future of our state," Rauner said. "It's a choice between failure of the past and a new day, a bright future."

At a union hall a few blocks away, Quinn wasted no time in framing the race, renewing his call for a higher minimum wage, calling working people "the real every day heroes" and drawing attention to Rauner's wealth.

"I'm here to fight for an economy that works for everyone. Not just the billionaires, but for everyone," said Quinn.

## Campaign finance reports give clues to parties' goals

By PHILIP ELLIOTT  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans are trying to convert hard-won gains in statehouses to successes in this November's congressional elections and the 2016 race for the White House, according to a review of their campaign finance reports.

For Democrats, the next two years are more about protecting political turf and keeping a political machine humming.

Months before the midterm elections that will decide House and Senate control, with an eye on the 2016 presidential race, the major parties are making spending choices that give clues to their election strategies. An Associated Press analysis of the parties' spending since the 2012 presidential campaign suggests Republicans are trying to copy the Democrats' playbook: Build strong on-the-ground political operations in crucial states and collect as much data as possible.

"We have to make sure that we put together a process and an operation that gives our (presidential) nominee the best possible platform to be successful," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said Tuesday.

"The RNC had become basically a U-Haul trailer of cash that gets hooked up to a nominee for a short period of time and then the national party went away for three years," he said, adding that six-month approach has left the GOP out of the White House for two terms.

Such cash is starting to be delivered sooner, according to more than 80,000 pages of campaign fi-

nance reports the RNC and DNC have filed with the Federal Election Commission since January 2013.

Two years before they choose nominees in the next presidential race, both parties are sending millions of dollars to state committees.

Republicans are skipping over liberal strongholds like Maryland and Vermont, as well as solidly conservative Idaho, while Democrats are sending cash to each state affiliate, even the most conservative ones.

The Republican National Committee already has sent \$6 million to state parties, the bulk of it to places such as Ohio, Florida and Michigan where the GOP has been successful locally but failed in recent presidential contests. Almost 70 percent of RNC money has been sent to states where Republicans hold the governor's office and President Barack Obama won re-election.

Democrats, too, are sending money to must-win states but also to high-stakes statewide Senate races in Georgia, Kentucky and Arkansas. In total, Democrats have spent almost \$8 million to keep their political machine running and supporters engaged.

Most of that — more than \$5 million — has gone to states where Obama beat Republican Mitt Romney in 2012. Of that, \$3.6 million has gone to states with a Republican governor.

At the same time, the Democratic National Committee separately has spent another almost \$2 million to keep its sophisticated databases up to date in the states.

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## UKRAINE UNREST

# US signals plans for more military drills in Baltics

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The U.S. is crafting plans to deploy rotational ground troops and naval forces to the Baltics as part of an effort to bolster the capabilities of regional allies and reassure nations shaken by Russia's intervention in nearby Ukraine, Vice President Joe Biden said.

"We are exploring a number of additional steps to increase the pace and scope of our military cooperation, including rotating U.S. forces to the Baltic region to conduct ground and naval exercises as well as training missions," Biden said Wednesday during talks with Polish and Estonian officials.

Biden's tour through the region includes a stop Wednesday in Lithuania, where the U.S. already is taking part in a NATO air policing mission.

According to a senior administration official, the plan for an increased presence in the Baltics is primarily focused on building up the defenses of allies in the region. More details are expected within days, the official said.

"So this would be in addition to the Baltic air policing element, it would be a ground and naval effort. And what the Vice President said is that we've begun the process of exploring how we can do that in a way that's effective both for our forces and for the Baltic forces," said the official, whose comments were provided in transcript form by the vice president's office.

For the U.S. and NATO, Russia's annexation of Crimea has rattled assumptions about security in Europe and refocused attention on the continent. For allies in eastern Europe, it has awakened old fears of a Russia with imperial ambitions.

"The old idea of NATO ... predicated on a Europe that no longer has any threats has turned out, with the actions we've seen against Ukraine, no longer [applies]," Estonian President Toomas Ildes told Biden during the vice president's stop in Warsaw.

"We in NATO must draw our conclusions from Russia's behav-

ior in the current crisis and conduct a review of the entire range of NATO-Russia relations," he said.

In response to the Ukrainian crisis, the U.S. has tried to reassure allies through various measures, such as deploying 12 F-16s to Poland for a training exercise. The Navy also has increased its presence in the region for what has been described as a series of pre-planned training events.

Wednesday, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said that three annual exercises in the region will go forward in the coming months.

In April, a rotational force of Marines will participate in Summer Shield; a joint U.S.-Latvian exercise held in Latvia.

In June, U.S. Navy-Europe will lead a multinational maritime exercise called BALTOPS, aimed at improving interoperability among allies in the Baltic Sea.

Also in June, U.S. Army Europe will lead Saber Strike, a multinational security cooperation exercise focusing on the three Baltic states.

Warren did not know if Sea Breeze, a multinational exercise involving Ukraine that usually takes place in the Black Sea in July, will be conducted.

The Ukrainian government has requested military equipment and supplies from the United States. The State Department and the Defense Department are reviewing those requests and will decide on next steps, Warren said.

Warren would not provide details about the requests, but said, "it was a broad range of stuff, a broad range of equipment that you would expect in this situation."

But while Russia's intervention has sparked fears of a return to Cold War-style tensions and military posturing, there is little sign Europe or the U.S. has any appetite for a military confrontation. No significant political leader in the U.S. or western Europe has suggested there is a military solution to the political crisis.

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Unarmed members of pro-Russian self-defense forces hold onto a Ukrainian military member at the Ukrainian Navy headquarters in Sevastopol on Wednesday. An Associated Press photographer said several hundred militiamen took down the gate and made their way onto the base.

# Crimea naval base seized

Pro-Russian militiamen take control of Ukrainian Navy headquarters

By JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG  
The Associated Press

SEVASTOPOL, Crimea — Masked Russian-speaking troops on Wednesday seized control of Ukrainian naval headquarters in Crimea after it was stormed by militiamen. Pro-Moscow Crimean authorities also detained the Ukrainian navy commander and reportedly blocked the defense minister and another government official from traveling to the peninsula to try to defuse tensions.

Ukraine's military, which is heavily outnumbered in Crimea, has come under increased pressure since the region was nominally incorporated into Russia on Tuesday.

The several hundred militiamen who captured the base in Sevastopol met no serious resistance. Sevastopol is also the home port of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, and tens of thousands of Russian-led troops are now patrolling Crimea.

It came a day after a confrontation between Ukrainian soldiers and pro-Russian militia left two dead.

The Russian-speaking troops, who arrived on the base after the storming, wore helmets, flak jackets and uniforms with no identifying insignia. By afternoon, they were in full control of the naval headquarters. It was not immediately clear how many, if any, Ukrainian servicemen remained on the base.

Ukraine's Defense Ministry said no one was injured in the raid, which it said was led by pro-Russian militiamen and Cossacks.

The ministry said in its statement that Rear Adm. Sergei Haiduk was detained by unknown people after the storming of the fleet headquarters. The Russian state ITAR-Tass news agency reported that he was being questioned by Crimean prosecutors.

Ukraine's defense minister and deputy prime minister had planned to travel to Crimea on Wednesday in a bid to avert an escalation in hostilities.

The prime minister in Crimea warned after the announcement of their departure that they would be turned back, however.

## Warning: Western European countries, NATO unite in opposition to Russian moves

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Tuesday, Putin declared Crimea part of Russia in a passionate speech steeped in Russia's sense of being slighted and marginalized by the West in the years since the Cold War.

Western powers were seeking

fresh ways to show that Russia would incur real costs unless it changes course.

Berzins announced that he and Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski had agreed that Poland and Latvia will start coordinating security activities more closely.

France's foreign minister said leaders of the Group of Eight world powers have suspended Russia's affiliation with the group over its actions in Ukraine. Obama invited the seven other members to discuss what comes next during an emergency meeting in Europe.

Meanwhile, Britain said it was suspending military cooperation with Russia. And German Chancellor Angela Merkel, in a phone call with Obama on Tuesday, agreed that U.N. and other international monitors must be sent in to other parts of Ukraine without delay.

At the same time, the U.S. and its partners were seeking to mount a more visible show of NATO's military might in the region, despite Putin's insistence that he has no intention of invading other regions in Ukraine, much less other nations.

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## WORLD

# Malaysia: Files were deleted from simulator

By IAN MADER

The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Investigators are trying to restore files deleted last month from the home flight simulator of the pilot aboard the missing Malaysian plane to see if they shed any light on the disappearance, Malaysia's defense minister said Wednesday.

Hishammuddin Hussein told a news conference that the pilot, Capt. Zaharie Ahmad Shah, is considered innocent until proven guilty of any wrongdoing, and that members of his family are cooperating in the investigation. Files containing records

of simulations carried out on the program were deleted Feb. 3, Malaysian police chief Khalid Abu said.

It was not immediately clear whether investigators thought that deleting the files was unusual. They will want to check those files for any signs of unusual flight paths that could help explain where the missing plane went.

Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 with 239 people aboard disappeared March 8 on a night flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Malaysian authorities have not ruled out any possible explanations, but have said the evidence so far suggests the flight was

deliberately turned back across Malaysia to the Strait of Malacca, with its communications systems disabled. They are unsure what happened next and why.

Investigators have identified two giant arcs of territory spanning the possible positions of the plane about 7½ hours after takeoff, based on its last faint signal to a satellite — an hourly "handshake" signal that continues even when communications are switched off. The arcs stretch up as far as Kazakhstan in central Asia and down deep into the southern Indian Ocean.

Police are considering the possibility of hijacking, sabotage, terrorism or issues

related to the mental health of the pilots or anyone else on board, and have asked for background checks from abroad on all foreign passengers. Hishammuddin said such checks have been received for all the foreigners except those from Ukraine and Russia — which account for three passengers. "So far, no information of significance on any passengers has been found," Hishammuddin said.

Zaharie, 53, joined Malaysia Airlines in 1981 and had more than 18,000 hours of flight experience. People who know Zaharie have described him as sociable, humble, caring and dedicated to his job.

## US sends Poseidon anti-sub aircraft to Perth to continue search

By JAMES KIMBER

Stars and Stripes

A U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon patrol aircraft arrived in Perth, Australia, late Tuesday night as the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 shifted west in one of the largest international searches in aviation history, Navy officials announced.

The Poseidon had been operating out of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, but was moved to Perth after the Malaysian government shifted the search, which began almost two weeks ago in the South China Sea, to an area from the southern

Indian Ocean to Kazakhstan expanding the search area 2.24 million square nautical miles.

Cmdr. William Marks, a spokesman for the U.S. 7th Fleet, told The Associated Press that finding the plane was like trying to locate a few people somewhere between New York and California.

"The search has expanded to the southern portions of the Indian Ocean, and the P-8A has the range required to reach those waters," said Lt. Clayton Hunt, the search-and-rescue detachment mission commander. "We will be most effective operating out of Perth."

Touted as the world's most advanced long-range anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare aircraft, the Poseidon can search on and under water simultaneously.

Built from a Boeing 737 airframe, the Poseidon has a maximum speed about 565 mph, can fly up to 41,000 feet and can cover more than 1,200 nautical miles in a four-hour shift, according to Marks.

For the MH370 search, Navy officials said the Poseidon will fly at 5,000 feet between 280 and 300 mph for about eight or nine hours, dipping as low as 1,000 feet for visual inspections.

The Poseidon arrived in Kuala Lumpur last weekend to assist the Navy's P-3C Orion — a Cold War-era anti-submarine patrol aircraft using radar, infrared and night-vision cameras — in the search efforts. Between the Poseidon and the Orion, still operating out of the Malaysian capital, the two patrol aircraft can search as much as 15,000 square miles in nine hours.

The patrol aircraft are the two remaining Navy assets involved in the multinational effort to find the missing Malaysian jet, which disappeared early March 8 with 239 people aboard en route from

Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. The United States is just one of 26 countries aiding in the search.

The destroyer USS Kidd was pulled from the search effort Monday "for follow-on operational tasking as they were when the search operation started," Navy officials announced, bringing with it two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters. Late last week, the Navy redirected its first ship on the scene, USS Pinckney, to sail to Singapore for pre-scheduled maintenance but hasn't ruled out its return to the search area.

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## OPINION

## GOP do-nothing strategy a mistake

By RAMESH PONNURU  
Bloomberg News

Republicans think they've hit on the perfect strategy to win back the Senate in 2014: Sit back and let it happen.

Everywhere they look, things are going their way. President Barack Obama's job approval is in the low 40s. His health care law is doing a bit worse than that. Many of the Senate elections that will be contested in November are in states that went for John McCain and Mitt Romney in the last two presidential elections. Polls show the party even has a shot in some blue states, such as Michigan, which last elected a Republican senator 20 years ago.

Republican David Jolly won a special House election last week in a Florida district that went for Obama twice. That victory added to Republicans' sense that they have momentum, and it's leading them to think that they've improved their turnout machine since 2012.

So a lot of the party's leaders are turning passivity into a strategy. What they're telling one another is: Don't make yourself an issue. Don't make serious legislative proposals, because they will only be targets for Democrats. If Republicans make sure not to nominate weak or extreme candidates, and simply rally against Obama's health care law, they will win.

This strategy has ease of execution going for it. Coming up with policy proposals that make sense and will fly politically, and then convincing colleagues to back them, is hard work a lot of Republicans would rather avoid. And inaction might pay off: Republicans probably will make gains if they do nothing, just because it's a mid-term election under a Democratic president. Inaction also minimizes risks. Uniting behind some ill-considered policy initiative could indeed weaken the party's momentum.

The flip side of that advantage is that the passive strategy doesn't maximize opportunity. It's true that public confidence in Obama and Democrats has fallen on a broad range of issues, from health care to foreign policy. But that doesn't mean



Newly elected Republican Rep. David Jolly, of Florida, poses for a ceremonial swearing-in with his mother, Judy Jolly, on Capitol Hill on March 13. Jolly fills the open seat that had been held for decades by Republican C.W. Bill Young, who died in October.

J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

people have gained confidence that Republicans would do well on those issues. It only means that Republicans have an opening to make their case.

Individual Republican lawmakers have proposed far-reaching reforms of health care, the tax code, higher education and jobs programs. Each of those proposals comes with political risks. But each could also help Republicans position themselves as pragmatic problem-solvers rather than merely Obama-haters. They could finish their case against the administration's agenda by arguing that there's a better way to get the results Americans want.

And sometimes the lack of a proposal is itself a target. That Republicans have never united behind a health care proposal that would do much to increase the number of people with insurance has been one of the Democrats' top talking points for years now. Sure, they say, Obamacare has its flaws, but the Republicans have no alternative. They would leave millions of people uninsured.

Counting on Democratic unpopularity could also prove too complacent. Take a look at The Huffington Post's poll averages. Obama's net job-approval rating is slightly up since the start of February. His rating on the economy has been improving since early December. He has been rising on foreign policy since late September. While

the president is still "upside down," as the operatives say, on all those measures, Republicans would be foolish to assume that the trend is their friend.

And even if Republicans succeed by taking the path of least resistance, they will be storing up future trouble. What if they win the Senate? In that case, Congress will have to move legislation. Republicans will have to come up with attractive conservative bills then, so that Obama will either feel it necessary to sign them or pay a political price for vetoing them. They will be in much better shape if they have campaigned on some of these ideas. That way they can say that the public knew what it would be getting by voting for Republicans. Republicans will also be better able to achieve unity among party congressmen, who will be more likely to feel that they're invested in these ideas as a group.

If Republicans want to govern after 2016, for that matter, they should start preparing now: coming up with an agenda, selling it to the public and reflecting it in legislation.

But those considerations involve thinking past the next elections, and that's not something that comes naturally to a lot of politicians.

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## Sinclair case bolsters Gillibrand's argument

Miami Herald editorial

The collapse of the sexual assault trial of Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair at Fort Bragg, N.C., highlights the U.S. military's problematic and arbitrary record on meeting out justice in such cases.

The defense claims undue pressure to prosecute a high-ranking officer came from top military brass. The prosecution has had doubts about the veracity of the accuser. All this bolsters New York Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's cogent argument for reforming the authority of military commanders to prosecute sexual assault cases and giving that power to military lawyers outside the chain of command.

Gillibrand's bill failed to overcome a Senate filibuster by just five votes earlier this month. Instead, the Senate last week showed extraordinary accord in approving, 97-0, another bill, sponsored by Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., that keeps commanders in charge of these cases but gives the civilian secretary of a military service the final say in cases where a prosecutor wants to move ahead with a sexual assault case but the commander disagrees.

Other measures bolster support for victims and ban the so-called "good soldier

defense," forcing the military to recognize that a professional soldier can also be a sexual predator. The House won't consider the measure until late spring, and lawmakers should also approve these steps toward justice.

Sinclair is accused by a captain under his command of ordering her to perform sexual acts with him in Afghanistan in 2011 during a three-year extramarital affair. The general admits to the affair but denies the assault charges. Sinclair sought a plea deal on lesser charges, but prosecutors declined. Then, in February, the lead prosecutor expressed doubts about the captain's credibility before resigning.

Last week, after reviewing a series of emails regarding the Sinclair case, the presiding judge said prosecutors may have rejected a plea bargain based on political pressure. He dismissed the jury and told prosecutors to work with the defense to hammer out a plea deal. Sinclair's attorneys claim that the Army pressed ahead with a weak case for fear of political blowback if they dropped the charges against a high-profile defendant. What a mess.

Sexual assault cases are often difficult to prosecute, whether in civilian or military courts, but the U.S. military has a particularly egregious track record. Rather than basing going to trial on the evidence

and strength of a case, military prosecutors must rely on commanders' discretion. That's an arbitrary system.

Last year, outraged after a commander overturned a guilty verdict in a sexual assault case, Congress stripped military commanders of the authority to overturn jury convictions. It also required a civilian review when a commander declines to prosecute a case.

Gillibrand plans to bring her bill up for another vote in late spring when both the Senate and the House will be working on broader defense policy bills. There is also companion legislation pending in the House.

The Sinclair case shows just how conflicted the U.S. military remains on how to deal with sexual assault accusations, especially when it comes to higher ranking officers. Meantime, the Pentagon has estimated that as many as 26,000 military members may have been sexually assaulted in 2012, based on an anonymous survey. That's 26,000 potential victims and, perhaps, an equal number of abusers!

Gillibrand's bill would take military rank out of the equation, while keeping these crimes within the military's purview, but independent of the command chain. That's a better system of military justice for all men and women in uniform.

## OPINION

# Putin sees glory in return to Soviet tactics

By KATHLEEN PARKER

“Once an agent, always an agent.” This was the terse response of Nina Khrushcheva on New Year’s Eve 1999 when her mother commented favorably about the new president, Vladimir Putin, who was then speaking on TV.

Khrushcheva, great-granddaughter of former Premier Nikita Khrushchev, was president then and feels no need to revise those comments now. Instead, her mother’s early reviews were symptomatic of what Khrushcheva calls the “gulag of the Russian mind,” part of the title of her just-published book, “The Lost Khrushchev: A Journey into the Gulag of the Russian Mind.”

This particular gulag refers to a mindset that includes, as her mother’s optimism implied, the hope that the next czar will be better than the last. It also refers to the still-lingering sense among many Russians that Russia was better off before its post-Stalinist reforms. Putin has gone so far as to say the collapse of the Soviet Union was a catastrophe.

Speaking to the Federation Council on Tuesday, he more or less blamed Khrushchev for the current mess in Crimea, noting that Khrushchev initiated the Crimean transfer.

As translated by Khrushcheva from Russian, Putin said, “It was unclear what Khrushchev was motivated by. Maybe he wanted the Ukrainian nomenclature to be on his side. Maybe he felt responsible for the mass repressions he organized in Ukraine.”

“Really?” says Nina, her eyebrow an audible arc. “Mass repressions? And this from the man who has been trying to rehabilitate his mother’s mass repressions, since the moment he got into the Kremlin.

On the gulag of the Russian mind!”

Khrushcheva, an associate professor of international affairs at The New School in New York, is no fan of Putin, one might have guessed. A woman who prefers simplicity, she is direct, blunt and, at times, wickedly funny. Would that President Barack Obama had a foreign policy, she says, adding that she is a loyal Democrat. Would that Americans understood Putin for what he is — no mere bully, he is “an old KGB *chinovnik* (petty clerk).”

Although Putin enjoys the popular image of the terrifying KGB agent, Khrushcheva says he was really a clerk whose nickname was “Moth.” More Miss Moneybags than James Bond.

In his own mind, Putin is “messianic, a uniter of lands, and corrector of historic wrongs,” Khrushcheva says. Yet his delusion is buttressed by the wounded pride of his countrymen, many of whom also want to see the motherland restored to greatness.

While American observers try to predict Putin’s next moves, Khrushcheva has been on target thus far. Her prediction on Feb. 20 that Putin would go into Ukraine — and six days later that Crimea would be taken over — was exact. Her (measured) prediction now is that Putin won’t pursue Ukraine if only because it is too expensive to invade another country.

It is possible, meanwhile, that Putin’s yawning response to Western penalties could mean that he doesn’t fully realize the effect sanctions could have because he doesn’t fully understand how free economies and markets work. As Khrushcheva says, “You can’t order them (markets) not to panic.”

Although the recent rollout of sanctions on members of Putin’s inner circle, viewed as the first step followed by a Russian market rally, stronger sanctions could be more



Bear Wrestling

damaging. Then again, it may be that Putin doesn’t really care. His interest isn’t in today’s markets but in tomorrow’s empire.

Crimeans, 97 percent of whom voted to become part of Russia (against a backdrop of heavily armed Russian troops), may be deluding themselves in thinking that they might become another Sochi — rebuilt in splendor in preparation for the Winter Olympics. Asks Khrushcheva, does Russia really have another \$50 billion to create a new showpiece?

Meanwhile, the key to preventing tensions from further escalating is for the European Union and NATO to chart a firm course with Khrushcheva and they must mean it. “What Putin hates is idle talk.”

As for allowing Putin to save face, as many commentators have opined, never mind. As far as Putin is concerned, he’s in charge. He’s the leader who keeps his word. Putin said he’d take Crimea — and he did. If he doesn’t go further into Ukraine, it won’t be to save face but to allow others to relax. And for his beneficence, Crimea will be forgiven?

This is his calculation, in Khrushcheva’s analysis, and one can only hope that Putin the agent explores his inner magnanimity and feels good about himself at the end of the day.

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## Russian military discipline is evident in Crimea

By DAVID IGNATIUS

From the photographs we’ve seen of the Russian special operations, or “Spetsnaz,” troops that intervened in Crimea, several things are obvious: They’re secretive, moving without insignia and often covering their faces; they’re disciplined, and they’re decisive.

The diplomatic response to the Russian intervention is continuing. But Pentagon officials are beginning to assess the military “lessons learned.” The bottom line is that Russia’s move into Crimea was a study in the speedy deployment of special operations forces to achieve a limited objective.

“What has been most striking to me so far has been the apparent levels of discipline, training and cooperation among the Russian forces,” noted Paul Saunders, executive director of the Center for the National Interest, in an interview this week with the military blog War on the Rocks.

The Russians deployed quickly in the hours surrounding reports of their initial movement on Feb. 26. Two days later, when President Barack Obama warned that there would be “costs” for invading Crimea, the Russian forces were already in place and the intervention was nearly a fait accompli.

The Russians are thought to have had roughly 15,000 troops in Crimea when the crisis began, and quickly added about another 5,000, mostly special operations troops. The Russians are allowed up to 25,000 troops in the peninsula there under their 30-year lease of the Black Sea naval



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**Unidentified armed men search an area close to a Ukrainian military unit in Simferopol, Crimea, on Tuesday. Gunfire at the military facility in the capital of separatist Crimea killed one serviceman and a member of a local self-defense brigade.**

base at Sevastopol.

Military analysts note some interesting characteristics of the Russian deployment. President Vladimir Putin, a former KGB lieutenant colonel, chose something closer to a paramilitary “covert action” than a normal military attack. Because the troops didn’t have Russian insignia, there was a thin veil of deniability, which the Russians exploited.

At a news conference March 4, Putin denied that Russian troops had invaded, despite photographic evidence to the contrary. “You can go to a store and buy a

uniform,” insisted Putin. This “deniability” was maintained by Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, who said on March 5 it was “complete nonsense” that Russian troops had invaded Crimea and that he had “no idea” how Russian military vehicles had gotten there.

These bland denials of reality were useful in several ways: They maintained a fig leaf of legitimacy for an illegal intervention; they allowed Russia a chance (not yet taken) to de-escalate an operation that hadn’t officially been acknowledged; and they distanced Putin in case things went badly and Ukrainians were killed.

Putin also showed a notable willingness to take risks. So far, there has been almost no bloodshed between Russians and Ukrainians, but Putin couldn’t have known this when he began. That’s why the precision and discipline of Russian forces were crucial. Their professionalism reduced the risk of an incident that could have spiraled out of control.

Finally, Putin prepared a rationale for his intervention — along with the attendant propaganda. He insisted he was acting to protect Russian citizens and Russian speakers in Crimea. His troops were welcomed by a generally supportive Crimean population, and his action was lauded back home. This model suggests that Putin might be prepared to move, similarly, to protect Russians in neighboring countries, such as eastern Ukraine or the Trans-Dniester region of Moldova.

Analysts think Putin would be less likely to move against neighboring states, such

as Lithuania and Latvia, that have significant Russian-speaking populations — but are also NATO members. Such operations would require far more force — and would test NATO’s “Article 5” commitment to U.S.-led mutual defense, a risk that’s probably greater than Putin is willing to tolerate.

The well-organized Crimea operation also suggests improvement in the quality and training of the Russian military. Their troops had operated with far less precision a decade ago in Chechnya and in the 2008 invasion of Georgia. A botched attempt to free 850 hostages in a Moscow theater in 2002 resulted in the deaths of 130 of the captives.

Russia has evidently been getting results for increased spending on its military: The 2012 edition of an annual survey by the International Institute for Strategic Studies estimated that Russia would spend 3.78 percent of its GDP on defense in 2013, by far the highest amount in more than a decade. Aging or incompetent Russian officers have been purged as part of a modernization campaign.

This Russian army, in short, is not the one that proved so feeble in Afghanistan. It is well-trained and stealthy, and effectively uses a “small footprint.” And Putin clearly wasn’t deterred by NATO military moves that signaled a commitment to protect member states — but didn’t convey a willingness to check Russian black operations in a friendly, neighboring region.

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## WORLD

# Artistic edibles

Van Gogh's  
"Self-Portrait With Bandaged Ear"  
as a ploughman's sandwich.

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## Britain's Art Fund launches fundraiser bake-off featuring homages to favorite works of art

By KRISTIN HOENADEL  
*Slate*

Last fall, the staff of Britain's Art Fund, which supports hundreds of museums and galleries across the United Kingdom, decided to test out a brilliant fundraising idea: a bake-off in which art fans across the land produce edible homages to their favorite works of art.

To get started and provide inspiration, the Art Fund commissioned a selection of edible masterpieces developed with professional recipe-testing by Georgia Levy, food styling by Kim Morpew and prop styling by Lydia Brun.

They include a sponge cake rendition of a Mondrian painting, a shortbread Wedgwood plate and a Rice Krispies treat splattered with white and black royal

icing on a work by Jackson Pollock.

"My main aim was to recreate the masterpieces so they looked as close to the originals, but also so they could be recreated by a nonbaker, too," Morpew said in an email. "Everything used in the masterpieces is edible."

One of the trickiest pieces to create was the Wedgwood cake, she said: "I really wanted the plate to look like a plate, so I experimented with the shortbread by baking it on different plates. Too much butter, and the shortbread would break, too thin, and it would catch on the edges of the plate and break when I iced it. In the end, I succeeded with a totally edible plate."

Art Fund recently launched a fundraising campaign (tag line: "Fundraising for Art: It's a Piece of Cake") to get art and food lovers to bake their own favorite ed-

ible masterpieces. They hope that participants will come together on May 9 to host raffles or bake-sale events that will benefit Art Fund. They've set up a website ([artfund.org/get-involved/edible-masterpieces](http://artfund.org/get-involved/edible-masterpieces)) that includes recipes of the edible masterpieces and a fundraising pack.

The organizers have set a high bar with these creations. But they encourage even those who don't bake much to take the creative challenge of using food to design counterfeit versions of a favorite masterpiece.

"You could decorate a cake to look like a contemporary piece of artwork, bake a biscuit that resembles an old master's painting or make a pie inspired by a landmark building," the website reads. "And if you're not a dab hand in the kitchen, you can recreate a whole host of artworks with

uncooked ingredients, such as vegetables, fruit or cheese."

Like an edible recreation of Van Gogh's "Self-Portrait With Bandaged Ear," made with the ingredients found in a typical British ploughman's sandwich, framed with sliced brown bread, and fashioned with peppercorn eyes, a sliced pickle button and a bandage fashioned from Brie.

"I was asked to use ploughman's ingredients to make the painting," Morpew said. "So I bought all the different ingredients I could think of that would make a ploughman's from gherkins, pickled onions, brown pickle, cheese, bread etc. Then using different methods I created the painting to achieve texture, light and shade and atmosphere. I think I am most proud of his coat — the lettuce I chose had the perfect degree of shading and texture!"

**‘Everything used in the masterpieces is edible.’**

Kim Morpew, food stylist

## NATION



When premium passengers board Emirates Airline flights in Dubai, they wait in a private top-floor lounge with direct boarding to the upstairs fleet of double-decker Airbus A380s. Coach boards on the plane's lower level.



American Airlines' Flagship service offers VIP travelers a discreet and expedited check-in process, access to agents for help and a separate security line when flying at several large airports.

# First-class difference



An Allegiant Air flight attendant prepares passengers in coach for takeoff at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas.



Travelers wait in line to board a flight at LaGuardia Airport in New York.

AP photos

## Latest luxury travel perk: Safe distance from the masses

By SCOTT MAYEROWITZ  
The Associated Press

**O**n flights from San Francisco to Hong Kong, first-class passengers can enjoy a mesclun salad with king crab or a grilled USDA prime beef tenderloin, stretch out in a 3-foot-wide seat that converts to a bed and wash it all down with a pre-slusher Krug "Grande Cuvee" Brut Champagne.

Yet some of the most cherished new international first-class perks have nothing to do with meals, drinks or seats. Global airlines are increasingly rewarding wealthy fliers with something more intangible: physical distance between them and everyone else.

The idea is to provide an exclusive experience — inaccessible, even invisible, to the masses in coach. It's one way that a gap between the world's wealthiest 1 percent and everyone else has widened.

Many top-paying international passengers, having put down roughly \$15,000 for a ticket, now check in at secluded facilities and are driven in luxury cars directly to planes. Others can savor the same premier privileges by redeeming 125,000 or more frequent flier miles for a trip of a lifetime.

When Emirates Airline opened a new concourse at its home airport in Dubai last year, it made sure to keep coach passengers separate from those in business and first class. The top floor of the building is a lounge for premium passengers

with direct boarding to the upstairs of Emirates' fleet of double-decker Airbus A380s. Those in coach wait one story below and board to the lower level of the plane.

London's Heathrow Airport took a private suite area designed for the royal family and heads of state and in July opened it to any passenger flying business or first class who's willing to pay an extra \$2,500.

There's a lot of money on the line. At big carriers like American Airlines, about 70 percent of revenue comes from the top 20

percent of its customers.

The special treatment now starts at check-in. American and United Airlines have both developed private rooms, located in discreet corners of their terminals in New York, Chicago and elsewhere, that allow for a speedy check-in. Boarding passes in hand, travelers exit through hidden doors leading to the front of security lines.

United started in July and Delta Air Lines in 2011 driving their top customers who have tight connections at major airports from one gate to another in luxury cars.

Want to board first? No problem. Want to be the last one seated, moments before the door closes? Sure. Airlines will even save room for your bags in the overhead bin.

International first class has long been distinguished by gourmet meals, wide seats and giant TVs preloaded with hundreds of movies and TV shows. But in recent years, airlines also upgraded their international business class sections, ripping apart cabins to install chairs that convert into lay-flat beds. That left very little to differentiate first class from business class.

So some airlines scrapped the ultra-premium cabin. Others have cut the number of first-class seats in half, thereby creating a more intimate experience that commands the higher price. For instance, a round-trip flight in July between New York and Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific costs \$1,600 in coach, \$7,600 in business class and \$19,000 in first class.

### BIG LUXURY TRANSLATES TO BIG BUCKS

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP



AP photos

## Helicopter crashes near Space Needle

A KOMO-TV helicopter crashed into a street near Seattle's Space Needle on Tuesday, killing two people and critically injuring another person in a car on the ground and sending plumes of black smoke over the city during the morning rush hour. The KOMO-TV helicopter apparently was lifting off from its rooftop when it possibly hit the side of the building and went down, hitting three vehicles on the street, the station said.

## Police seek Amish buggy in hit-and-run

**PA** NEW WILMINGTON — State police are searching for an unlikely suspect in a western Pennsylvania hit-and-run accident: the driver of an Amish buggy.

Troopers from the Mercer barracks said the buggy twice hit a passenger vehicle at a crossroads on Route 158 in Wilmington Township on Sunday.

The buggy then left the scene and its driver has yet to be identified.

## Teacher gives students non-alcoholic beer

**MI** LINDEN — A Michigan teacher made a poor choice by giving non-alcoholic beer to a class of fifth-graders in a history lesson, a school official said.

Superintendent Ed Koleda said the teacher allowed Hyatt Elementary students in Linden to sample O'Doul's that had been brought to school by a student March 6 to represent ale common in the 1700s. The students were told that many people drank ale at the time because water was sometimes dirty or unhealthy.

"We talked to the teacher and said this was an inappropriate choice," Koleda said. "There were a lot better choices to represent a colonial-era drink than what was chosen here."

The students were allowed a small taste but none were forced to try the non-alcoholic beer, school officials said.

## Settlement reached in discrimination lawsuit

**NY** NEW YORK — A lawsuit alleging that the New

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# \$100K

The settlement a northern New Jersey family has accepted from the federal government for an incident in which their home was hit by a piece of an artillery fragment from a nearby military installation.

The incident occurred in 2008 in Jefferson Township in Morris County, where Frederick and Cheryl Angle's home sits near the Picatinny Arsenal. A two-pound piece of shrapnel crashed through the roof of the home during weapons training, killing the family cat. The Angles, who have three children, sued the government for negligence and emotional distress.

York Fire Department discriminated against minority applicants has been settled, pre-empting a trial that had been scheduled to start this month in the 7-year-old case, lawyers for a black firefighters' group said Tuesday.

New York City has agreed to "broad injunctive relief and back pay," lawyers from the Center for Constitutional Rights said. The center represented the Vulcan Society of black firefighters. It said minority fire department applicants will be eligible to receive back pay totaling \$98 million.

In May 2013, an appeals court ruled that the FDNY must undergo court supervision for five years to ensure it doesn't discriminate against blacks and Hispanics in its hiring practices.

## Grenade in stolen scooter alarms police

**WA** EVERETT — A man who was stopped while riding a stolen scooter about 4 a.m. Monday in Everett told the officer there was a grenade under the seat.

Officers saw what looked like a grenade and sealed off the area for the bomb squad.

Experts determined the grenade is harmless.

Police said the 26-year-old rider was arrested on outstanding warrant and for investigation of possessing a stolen vehicle.

## Prostitution scandal quietly draws to close

**ME** ALFRED — A prostitution scandal in Kennebunk has quietly drawn to a close with resolution of the final client's case.

The man was fined \$500 last week after he pleaded guilty, joining dozens of others including a former mayor, minister and firefighter to be convicted of engaging with a prostitute.

The scandal made international headlines in 2012 with reports of 100 to 150 clients, many of whom were videotaped without their knowledge while paying for sex with fitness instructor Alexis Wright. But the prosecution was hampered when a judge ruled she didn't have to testify against them.

## Suspension upheld in boy's 'finger gun' case

**OH** COLUMBUS — A three-day suspension from school has been upheld for a 10-year-old boy as a principal said pretended his finger was a gun and pointed it at another student's head.

The fifth-grader had said he was "just playing around" but Columbus city schools said students had been warned about pretend gun play numerous times this year.

The Columbus Dispatch re-

ported a district hearing officer upheld the boy's suspension Monday while offering to change the offense to committing a "volatile act."

## Court sides with eatery in hot gravy dispute

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma appeals court has ruled a mother is not entitled to recover any damages after her 7-year-old daughter spilled hot gravy on her leg after buying a meal from a fast food restaurant's drive-through window.

The Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals ruled Monday in favor of the defendant, Whataburger, and upheld a lower court's ruling.

The child's mother sued the restaurant after she ordered a meal that included a Styrofoam bowl of heated gravy that spilled on her daughter's leg, resulting in second-degree burns.

The court determined the gravy was not unreasonably hot and that the family had eaten the same meal many times and should have "known or expected the gravy to burn if spilled."

## Police seek man who stole patrol SUV

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio police are seeking a vehicle theft suspect who was handcuffed but managed to

steal a patrol SUV and flee.

Police said the patrol vehicle was found abandoned later Monday afternoon and Andrew Davila, 40, was gone.

Davila was initially detained while driving a truck that was reported stolen.

Sgt. Javier Salazar said Davila's hands were restrained behind his back but he managed to get the cuffs to the front of his body, slip through a window in a partition and reach the patrol vehicle's front seat.

## Governor OKs military relief fund changes

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — About 26,000 of Indiana's veterans will soon be eligible for grants from a state fund that helps veterans facing tough times pay for food, housing and other expenses for themselves and their families.

Gov. Mike Pence signed a measure into law last week that expands access to the state's Military Family Relief Fund to all Indiana veterans who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as members of the U.S. armed forces or National Guard.

Indiana currently restricts veterans' eligibility for the fund to three years after their military service is over, but that limit will end July 1.

From wire reports



## FACES

# Star-studded

Celebs turn up in 'Muppets Most Wanted'



By GINA MCINTYRE  
Los Angeles Times

**W**hen Jim Henson's menagerie of talking animals and fish-throwing vaudevillians made their big-screen comeback in 2011's "The Muppets," Kermit the Frog and company faced down a greedy oil tycoon named Tex Richman to save their old theater from demolition.

In their newest cinematic adventure, "Muppets Most Wanted," set for release from Disney on March 21 in the U.S., a more dangerous foe lies in wait for the performers—a criminal mastermind named Constantine who happens to bear a striking resemblance to the troupe's genial impresario.

"He's a Kermit doppelganger," said producer Todd Lieberman.

A lively mix of sight gags, puns, celebrity cameos and gleeful four-wall breaking helped the Muppets become comedy legends, and "Most Wanted" preserves that formula, this time grafting a case of mistaken identity onto crime caper convention.

Aside from a vaguely Eastern European accent and a black facial mole, the villainous Constantine is virtually indistinguishable from Kermit, which means that once he breaks out of a Russian prison and switches places with the good-natured frog, the troupe finds itself with the wrong amphibian in charge.

Together with his partner Dominic Badguy—that's pronounced "Bad G," it's French—Constantine begins pulling heists as the group travels around the world, drawing the attention of Ty

**'The Muppets are so beloved ... it doesn't usually take a lot of convincing.'**

**Todd Lieberman**  
producer, on getting celebrities for smaller roles in "Muppets Most Wanted"

Burrell's Interpol agent. (Patriotic Sam the Eagle joins the pursuit too.)

In addition to the "Modern Family" star, the film features Ricky Gervais as Badguy and Tina Fey as a Siberian warden who falls for her frog captive.

A host of other actors, including Salma Hayek and "The Avengers" star Tom Hiddleston, turn up in smaller roles.

"The Muppets are so beloved, especially by comedians, it doesn't usually take a lot of convincing," Lieberman said.

"Most Wanted" arrives as a follow-up to "The Muppets," which returned the foam and felt superstars to theaters for the first time in more than a decade. Written by Nicholas Stoller and star Jason Segel and directed by James Bobin, that film grossed \$88 million at the box office and won an Oscar for Bret McKenzie, the "Flight of the Conchords" comedian who penned songs for the musical.

Bobin and Stoller wrote the script for the sequel with an eye toward maintaining Muppet tradition while simultaneously expanding the scope of the story.

"The first movie was really about introducing the Muppets to an age group who weren't really as familiar with them," said Lieberman, who produced "Muppets" and the new film with partner David Hoberman. "Now that we've set that groundwork, we can go off and have an enormous amount of fun."

**Ricky Gervais is just one of the celebrities in the upcoming flick, 'Muppets Most Wanted.' The movie will open in some installation theaters on March 29.**

DISNEY/MCT

## New 'Star Wars' flick to begin shooting in May; story set 30 years after 'Jedi'

From wire reports

The new "Star Wars" has an official timeline and one confirmed returning character: robot R2-D2.

Director J.J. Abrams will begin shooting in May on "Star Wars: Episode VII," which is set three decades after 1983's "Return of the Jedi," Disney CEO Bob Iger said Tuesday.

Speaking at the company's annual shareholder's meeting in Portland, Ore., Iger said the movie would feature "some very familiar faces along with a trio of new, young leads." Abrams has a penchant for secrecy, and Iger said R2-D2 was the only "official cast member" he would announce.

"Episode VII" is set for release in December 2015.

### Charlie Brown, Snoopy headed to big screen

Good ol' Charlie Brown and Snoopy are going 3-D. 20th Century Fox and Blue Sky

Studios say "Peanuts" will hit theaters Nov. 6, 2015. It's the first full-length computer-animated film based on the Charles Schulz comic strip that ran from 1950 to 2000.

Charlie Brown and Snoopy have updated looks in a one-minute trailer unveiled Tuesday at peanutsmovie.com. The teaser shows the beloved pair up to their old tricks, as Snoopy tries to steal the spotlight and Charlie Brown mutters his famous line "Good grief."

### Rolling Stones postpone 7 concerts

The Rolling Stones have thus far postponed a total of seven concert dates after the death of L'Wren Scott, the designer, celebrity stylist and former model who's long been romantically linked to Stones leader Mick Jagger.

All of the dates are part of the "14 On Fire" tour in Australia and New Zealand, and no rescheduled shows have yet been announced. Scott was found dead Monday

in her New York City apartment. A spokesman for the Rolling Stones singer said Monday that Jagger was "completely shocked and devastated by the news."

The site says a new round of dates for Australia and New Zealand is "presently being worked on." Ticket holders are advised to hold onto their tickets until further notice.

Tuesday morning, a photo with a heartfelt tribute to Scott was posted on Jagger's official Facebook page.

### 'The Walking Dead' tops Nielsen dramas

The broadcast television networks showed some 20 original dramas among the 50 most-popular programs last week, yet cable's sensation "The Walking Dead" beat them all.

AMC's creep fest was seen by just under 13 million people, the Nielsen company said. Only the CBS comedy "The Big Bang Theory" and two episodes of the NBC competition "The Voice"—a no

dramas—had more viewers.

"The Walking Dead" is commonly the most popular drama among young people, but it's a bigger achievement when viewers of all ages are counted. There's one asterisk: CBS' "NCIS" and "NCIS: Los Angeles" aired reruns last week, and those programs usually beat AMC's show in original episodes.

Given how difficult it is for networks to establish new dramas these days, ABC and NBC had some good news with the receptions given to "Resurrection" and "Believe." ABC's "Resurrection" remained in Nielsen's top 10 for its second episode.

### Other news

■ Justin Bieber claimed after a shaky sobriety test in Florida that he was suffering from a hairline fracture in his right foot and made condescending comments to officers, according to a Miami Beach, Fla., police document released Tuesday. The police summary of Bieber's performance on

various sobriety tests following his Jan. 23 arrest shows that the pop singer told officers he had injured his foot skateboarding three months earlier.

■ A lawsuit by Kim Kardashian and Kanye West over leaked footage of their marriage proposal can proceed because it does not violate the free speech rights of the co-founder of YouTube, a judge ruled Tuesday. The ruling came as a Superior Court judge in California rejected a motion by Chad Hurley seeking dismissal of the case against him on constitutional grounds. A trial on the case is scheduled for Nov. 17.

■ Global music revenues fell 3.9 percent to \$15 billion in 2013, pulled down by a sharp decline in compact disc sales in Japan, according to the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry. Japan, which accounts for more than a fifth of worldwide sales, saw revenue fall 16.7 percent, the trade group said Tuesday. Excluding Japan, global music revenue fell just 0.1 percent.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Sony unveils PS4 virtual reality headset

By DERRIK J. LANG  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Sony is getting into the virtual reality business.

The Japanese electronics and gaming giant unveiled a prototype virtual reality headset to be used in conjunction with its PlayStation 4 video game console during a Tuesday talk at the Game Developers Conference.

Shuhei Yoshida, president of Sony Computer Entertainment Worldwide Studios, showed off the slick black-and-white headset at the annual gathering of game developers. He said Sony has been working on the technology for more than three years.

The adjustable device is code-named Project Morpheus and features a head-mounted display with 1080p resolution and a 90-degree field of view. Sensors built into the headset can track a wearer's head movement in concert with a PS4 camera.

"This prototype is by no means



Jeff Crui/AUP

**Sony's new headset will bring a virtual reality experience to PlayStation 4 users.**

final," said Yoshida. "We will continue to work on this to improve it, but we believe it's a good representation of how PlayStation will deliver VR."

Anton Mikhailov, a senior software engineer working on Project Morpheus, said the current version of the technology must be attached to a PS4 console with a cord that's about 15 feet long, but users' virtual perspectives can

be simultaneously broadcast on a television screen.

"The experience can be shared, and that's only going to allow it to spread," said Mikhailov. "I think that's going to be the key. Once people see someone else interacting in VR, they're going to want to put it on and try it next."

Mikhailov said users will be able to interact with the virtual world displayed on the headset with the gesture-detecting PlayStation Move controller, as well as the standard DualShock 4. He declined to specify when the headset would be released or how much it would cost.

Project Morpheus was to be available for demonstration for conference attendees with four games: diving cage simulator "The Deep," medieval combat game "The Castle," sci-fi dogfighter "R.V.E. Valkyrie" and a VR rendition of the stealthy action-adventure title "Thief."

While Sony Corp. has released other head-mounted display

units, Project Morpheus marks the company's first foray into VR with PlayStation. Sony's headset is similar to the Oculus Rift, a VR device currently in development by the Irvine, Calif.-based startup Oculus VR.

Both devices use head tracking to reduce queasiness when users peek around a virtual landscape, and they look more like ski goggles than the bulky gaming helmets of the 1990s that usually left users with headaches.

### MARKET WATCH

March 18, 2014

<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	<b>+88.97</b> 16,336.19
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>+53.36</b> 4,333.31
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>+13.42</b> 1,872.25
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>+16.81</b> 1,205.04

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (March 20)	\$1.4276
Dollar buys (March 20)	€0.7005
British pound (March 20)	\$1.71
Japanese yen (March 20)	99.00
South Korean won (March 20)	1,044.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.6620
Canada (dollar)	1.1187
China (Yuan)	6.1938
Denmark (Krone)	6.3633
Egypt (Pound)	6.9625
Euro	\$1.3917/0.7185
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.6444
Hungary (Forint)	222.61
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4620
Japan (Yen)	101.56
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2811
Norway (Krone)	5.9788
Philippines (Peso)	44.88
Poland (Zloty)	3.02
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7595
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2662
South Korea (Won)	1,070.30
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8744
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.16
Turkey (Lira)	2.2315

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., exchange rates for currencies other than the dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	3.62

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### THURSDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### THURSDAY IN EUROPE



### FRIDAY IN THE PACIFIC



### Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	76	40	Cldy	Chatanooga	65	38	Cir	Fort Wayne	45	30	PCldy	Louisville	58	34	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	39	31	Cldy	Cheyenne	55	30	Cir	Fresno	79	50	Cir	Lubbock	78	36	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	44	31	Cldy	Chicago	47	29	Cir	Goodland	70	32	Cir	Macon	73	45	Cir
Albuquerque	67	32	Cir	Cincinnati	51	32	PCldy	Grand Junction	61	29	Cir	Madison	43	25	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	50	33	Cldy	Cleveland	38	31	Cldy	Grand Rapids	40	29	Cldy	Medford	56	36	Cir
Amarillo	75	33	Cir	Colorado Springs	64	25	Cir	Great Falls	38	28	Cir	Memphis	68	42	Cir
Anchorage	30	15	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	72	47	Cir	Green Bay	37	22	PCldy	Miami Beach	82	69	Cir
Asheville	67	46	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	70	48	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	65	40	Cir	Midland-Odessa	77	40	Cir
Atlanta	67	46	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	47	34	PCldy	Harrisburg	53	34	PCldy	Newark	57	38	PCldy
Atlantic City	62	49	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	45	28	Cldy	Hartford Spgld	51	33	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	43	20	Cldy
Austin	72	49	Cldy	Corpus Christi	76	56	Cir	Helena	39	28	Cldy	Missoula	39	28	Cldy
Baltimore	57	35	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	74	42	Cir	Honolulu	83	68	Cir	Mobile	81	66	Cir
Baton Rouge	74	50	Cir	Dayton	46	30	PCldy	Houston	74	48	PCldy	Montgomery	72	48	Cir
Billings	43	34	Cir	Daytona Beach	78	55	PCldy	Huntsville	68	39	Cir	Nashville	64	36	Cir
Birmingham	66	42	Cir	Denver	68	28	Cir	Indianapolis	50	29	Cir	New Orleans	74	54	Cir
Bismarck	49	28	Cldy	Des Moines	57	29	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	70	42	Cir	New York City	55	37	PCldy
Boise	50	32	Cir	Detroit	40	30	Cldy	Jacksonville	78	53	PCldy	Salt Lake City	62	45	Cir
Boston	53	34	Cir	Duluth	35	15	PCldy	Janeau	40	24	Cir	Salt Lake City	62	45	Cir
Bridgeport	54	33	Cldy	El Paso	77	48	Cir	Kansas City	69	34	Cir	San Antonio	73	39	Cir
Brownsville	79	63	Cir	Elkins	48	15	Cldy	Knoxville	63	36	Cir	San Diego	68	37	Cir
Buffalo	36	33	Snow	Erie	34	31	Snow	Laurens, S.C.	82	70	Cir	San Francisco	53	37	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	41	30	Snow	Fargo	53	36	Cir	Lake Charles	73	51	Cir	Seattle	64	24	Cir
Caribou, Maine	35	22	Snow	Flagstaff	58	22	Cir	Lansing	60	33	Cir	San Jose	64	24	Cir
Casper	42	30	Cldy	Ft Smith	38	29	Cir	Las Vegas	77	49	PCldy	San Jose	64	24	Cir
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Charlotte, W.Va.	56	37	PCldy				Lincoln	69	28	Cir	Savannah	75	51	Cir	
Charlotte, N.C.	68	42	Cir				Little Rock	69	38	Cir	Seattle	50	36	Rain	
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Cleveland	15	4	.789
Tampa Bay	14	5	.750
Baltimore	13	5	.727
Detroit	10	6	.625
New York	11	5	.688
Oakland	10	6	.656
Kansas City	9	7	.563
Los Angeles	8	8	.500
Boston	7	8	.467
Chicago	7	9	.438
Houston	8	11	.421
Toronto	7	11	.389
Texas	6	12	.333

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Pittsburgh	17	3	.850
Arizona	13	5	.727
Miami	11	5	.688
San Francisco	10	5	.667
Washington	10	5	.667
Colorado	9	7	.563
New York	9	7	.563
Chicago	10	4	.706
Cincinnati	9	4	.692
Milwaukee	9	4	.692
St. Louis	6	9	.400
Los Angeles	6	9	.400
San Diego	11	3	.786
Philadelphia	5	12	.294

Note: Split-squad games common in spring training. Standings based on non-major league teams do not count.

### Tuesday's games

N.Y. Yankees & Boston 1  
Detroit (18), Toronto 4  
Miami & Houston 1  
Cincinnati & Chicago White Sox 6  
Milwaukee & Texas (ss) 3  
Chicago & Chicago White Sox 6  
Tampa Bay 11, Minnesota 3  
Texas (ss) 7, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings  
Cleveland 12, San Francisco 11  
Minnesota vs. St. Louis (AFL) 7 p.m.  
Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla.  
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla.  
N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla.  
Oakland vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz.  
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz.  
Milwaukee vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz.  
Washington vs. Washington at Viera, Fla.  
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla.  
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz.  
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz.

### Thursday's games

Toronto vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla.  
Philadelphia (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla.  
Detroit vs. Washington at Viera, Fla.  
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla.  
Cincinnati vs. N.Y. Mets at Fort St. Lucie, Fla.  
Texas vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz.  
Seattle vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz.  
L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz.  
Milwaukee vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla.  
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla.  
N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla.  
San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz.

### Friday's games

Detroit vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla.  
Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla.  
Boston vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla.  
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla.  
Miami vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla.  
N.Y. Mets vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla.  
Atlanta (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla.  
Kansas City (ss) vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz.  
Detroit vs. Chicago (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz.  
Cincinnati vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz.  
Cleveland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla.  
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz.  
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz.

### Men's NIT First Round

Tuesday, March 18  
Robert Morris 88, St. Joseph 78  
Florida State 58, Florida Gulf Coast 53  
Georgetown 77, West Virginia 65  
Belmont 80, Green Bay 65  
Minnesota 88, Holy Point 81  
Missouri 75, Georgia State 66  
Arkansas 91, Indiana State 71  
Missouri 65, Davidson 67  
Saint Mary's (Calif.) 70, Utah 58

### Wednesday, March 19

Illinois (19-14) at Boston University (24-10)  
Iona (22-10) at Louisiana Tech (27-7)  
Vermont (22-10) at Georgia (19-13)  
Toledo (27-6) at Southern Miss (27-6)  
UC Irvine (23-13) at SMU (23-11)  
UT (19-13) at San Francisco (21-11)  
Utah Valley (20-11) at California (19-14)

### Second Round

Thursday, March 20-Monday, March 24  
Robert Morris (22-13) vs. Belmont (25-9)  
Florida State (20-13) vs. Georgetown (18-14)  
Minnesota (21-13) vs. Utah-Saint Mary's (Calif.) (22-11)  
Clemson (21-12) vs. Illinois-Boston University winner  
Arkansas (22-11) vs. Utah Valley-California winner  
Missouri (23-11) vs. Toledo-Southern Miss winner  
Iona-Louisiana Tech winner vs. Vermont-Georgia winner  
UC Irvine-SMU winner vs. LSU-San Francisco winner

### CIT First Round

Monday, March 17  
Holy Cross 68, Brown 65  
Tennessee 77, Wake Forest 65  
VMI 111, Canisius 100  
Wright State 74, East Carolina 59  
Eastern Michigan 58, Norfolk State 54  
ETSU 79, Chattanooga 66  
Columbus 68, Valparaiso 56  
Sam Houston State 71, Alabama State 49  
San Diego 87, Portland State 65  
Quinnipiac (20-11) at Ute (15-13)  
Towson (22-10) at So. Utah (19-14)  
New Mexico (22-11) at Ohio (20-11)  
Ark (21-12) at IPFW (24-10)  
Murray State (18-11) at Missouri State (18-14)  
North Dakota (17-16) at Nebraska-Omaha (16-14)  
Arkansas A&M Corpus Christi (17-15) at Northern Colorado (18-13)  
Pacific (15-13) at Grand Canyon (15-13)

### CBI First Round

Tuesday, March 18  
Siena 69, Stony Brook 65  
Wednesday, March 19  
Hampden (18-12) at Penn State (15-17)  
South Dakota State (19-12) at Old Dominion (16-17)  
Wyoming (19-14) at Texas A&M (17-10)  
Princeton (20-8) at Tulane (17-16)  
Morehead State (20-13) at Illinois State (18-14)  
Fresno State (17-16) at UTEP (23-10)  
Radford (21-12) at Oregon State (16-15)

### NCAA Men's Division II Tournament

At Evansville, Ind.  
Wednesday, March 26  
S. Connecticut (22-9) at Central Missouri  
Tusculum vs. Metro State  
Texas Tech vs. West Liberty  
Cal State Chico vs. S. Carolina Aiken

### NCAA Men's Division III Tournament

At Salem (Vt.) Civic Center  
Friday, March 21  
Wisconsin-Whitewater vs. Illinois Wesleyan  
Amherst vs. Williams  
Championship  
Saturday, March 22  
Semifinal winners

### Women's NCAA Tournament

LINCOLN REGIONAL  
Saturday, March 22  
At Durham, N.C.  
Duke (27-6) vs. Winthrop (14-17)  
DePaul (27-6) vs. Oklahoma (28-18)  
At Los Angeles  
Nebraska (25-6) vs. Fresno State (22-10)  
N.C. State (25-7) vs. BYU (26-6)  
At Storrs, Conn.  
Georgia (20-11) vs. Saint Joseph's (22-9)  
UConn (34-0) vs. Prairie View (14-17)  
Gonzaga (29-4) vs. James Madison (28-11)  
Texas A&M (24-8) vs. North Carolina (22-9)

### STANFORD REGIONAL First Round

Saturday, March 22  
Ames, Iowa  
Iowa State (20-10) vs. Florida State (20-11)

### Men's NIT First Round

Thursday, March 20  
Stanford (28-3) vs. South Dakota (19-13)  
At Seattle, Wash.  
South Carolina (27-4) vs. Cal State Northridge (18-14)  
Middle Tennessee (29-4) vs. Oregon State (23-10)  
At Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Michigan State (29-5) vs. Hampton (28-7)  
North Carolina (24-9) vs. UT-Martin (24-9)  
At University Park, Pa.  
Penn State (22-7) vs. Wichita State (24-9)  
Dayton (23-7) vs. Florida (19-12)  
NOTRE DAME REGIONAL First Round  
Saturday, March 22  
Vanderbilt (18-12) vs. Arizona State (22-9)  
Miami (24-6) (23-0) vs. Robert Morris (21-11)  
At West Lafayette, Ind.  
Oklahoma State (23-8) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (26-7)  
Purdue (21-8) vs. Akron (23-9)  
At Lexington, Ky.  
Kentucky (24-8) vs. Wright State (26-8)  
Syracuse (22-9) vs. Chattanooga (29-3)  
At Waco, Texas  
California (21-9) vs. Fordham (25-7)  
 Baylor (29-4) vs. Western Kentucky (24-9)  
LOUISVILLE REGIONAL First Round  
Saturday, March 22  
At Knoxville, Tenn.  
Tennessee (22-10) vs. Northwestern State (21-12)  
Tennessee (22-10) vs. Southern Cal (22-12)  
Sunday, March 23  
At College Park, Md.  
Maryland (24-0) vs. Army (25-7)  
Texas (21-13) vs. Penn (25-6)  
At Iowa City, Iowa  
Louisville (24-0) vs. Idaho (25-8)  
Iowa (26-8) vs. Marist (27-6)  
At Baton Rouge, La.  
LSU (19-12) vs. Georgia Tech (20-11)  
West Virginia (29-4) vs. Albany (N.Y.) (20-9)

### Women's NIT First Round

Wednesday, March 19  
Quinnipiac (21-12) at Villanova (22-8)  
Marquette (22-8) at Auburn (17-14)  
Houston (21-9) at Minnesota (20-12)  
TCU (18-14) at Colorado (17-16)  
Washington State (17-16) at Montana (20-11)  
Thursday, March 20  
CUIP (21-12) at Colgate (Michigan (20-11)  
High Point (22-10) at Bowling Green (27-4)  
Belmont (18-12) at Indiana (18-12)  
Siena (18-12) at Auburn (17-14)  
Harvard (21-7) at Iowa (26-5)  
Rutgers (22-10) at Rutgers (22-10)  
VCU (22-9) at Princeton (20-10)  
Michigan (22-8) at Southern Cal (18-13)  
Yates (24-7) at Old Dominion (17-15)  
State (26-7) at Miami (16-14)  
Marquette (22-10) at Indiana State (20-11)  
Stanford (20-10) at Southern Cal (18-13)  
Butler (15-15) at South Dakota State (22-9)  
Missouri (17-13) at Creighton (19-13)  
Ball State (18-16) at Northwestern (15-15)  
Tulane (20-10) at Mississippi State (26-6)  
Iamar (18-12) at Southern Miss (26-6)  
Cal Poly (18-13) at San Diego (22-8)  
Southern Utah (22-9) at Colorado State (25-7)  
Pacific (18-12) at Oregon (15-15)  
Friday, March 21  
Stony Brook (24-8) at Michigan (18-13)  
Mount St. Mary's (19-13) at Duquesne (19-12)  
Indiana (15-15) at St. Bonaventure (23-10)  
North Carolina A&T (24-6) at South Florida (19-12)  
Cal State Bakersfield (19-11) at Saint Mary's (Calif.) (22-9)  
Arkansas State (22-11) at UTEP (24-7)  
Hawaii (17-13) at Washington (17-13)

### NCAA Women's Division II Tournament

Quarterfinals  
At Erie, Pa.  
Tuesday, March 25  
Limestone vs. New Mexico  
New Southwestern vs. Concordia-St. Paul  
Friday, March 28  
Edinboro vs. Cal Poly Pomona

### NCAA Women's Division III Tournament

At Stevens Point, Wis.  
Friday, March 21  
St. Thomas vs. Fordham  
Tufts vs. FDU-Florham  
Wis.-Whitewater vs. Whitman  
Third Place  
Saturday, March 22  
Semifinal losers  
Championship  
Semifinal winners

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# NHL

## Roundup

# Vanek's hat trick ignites Canadiens

Montreal doubles up Colorado in Roy's first game at Bell Centre as Avalanche coach

The Associated Press

MONTREAL—Thomas Vanek found a way to take the spotlight away from Patrick Roy's return to Montreal as head coach of the Colorado Avalanche.

Vanek had a hat trick in the Canadiens' 6-3 victory over the Avalanche on Tuesday night in a game that had the 21,273 in the Bell Centre seats rocking even before the puck was dropped.

Travis Moen also scored a spin-around goal worthy of a first-line forward.

And the game had a spectacular performance from Colorado rookie Nathan MacKinnon, who dazzled the crowd and the Canadiens defense for an entire shift before scoring his 23rd goal of the season in the first period.

Colorado defenseman John Mitchell was taken to a hospital for tests after crashing back-first into the end boards at 8:02 of the second period. Roy had no update on his condition after the game other than that it was a back injury.

The game started with the spotlight on Roy, but players from both teams made sure it was a game to remember as well.

"I thought both teams played really well and tonight the puck bounced their way," said Roy, the former Canadiens goaltending great who was on his first trip to Montreal as an NHL coach.

There was no pregame ceremony for the player once known as Saint Patrick, but he didn't need one. The fans gave him a long, rousing ovation when he was shown on the scoreboard during the national anthem.

Some wondered how the Bell Centre crowd would react to Roy, who won Stanley Cups for the Canadiens in 1986 and 1993 but later demanded a trade and was on the outs with the organization until 2008 when they retired his No. 33 jersey.

"I thought they showed lot of class," Roy said. "It was nice. They didn't make a big thing and that's the way I wanted it."

Brandon Prust, who left the game late in the first period with an apparent shoulder injury, returned to score a goal and set up Moen's tally for Montreal, which won its third game in a row.

Trailing by two, Roy pulled goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere with 2:20 left to play, but Dale Weise scored into the empty net.

Max Talbot and Jamie McGinn also had goals for the Avalanche, who lost for only the third time in 10 games.

**Penalty 4, Devils 2:** Brad Marchand and Jarome Iginla scored in a 59-second span early



## President's Trophy race

	W	L	OT	Pts	Gms
St. Louis	47	14	7	101	14
Boston	47	17	5	99	13
Anaheim	45	17	9	97	13
San Jose	45	18	7	97	14
Pittsburgh	45	19	4	94	12
Colorado	44	20	5	93	13
Chicago	39	15	9	93	13

SOURCE: The Associated Press

in the second period as visiting Boston won its 10th straight.

**Rangers 8, Senators 4:** Henrik Lundqvist made 35 saves to become the franchise's winningest goalie with 302 wins as New York used a four-goal second period to cruise past host Ottawa.

**Wild 6, Islanders 0:** Matt Moulson scored twice and had three points in his first game against New York since being traded earlier this season, and Ilya Bryzgalov was solid in making 36 saves as visiting Minnesota made the most of 22 shots.

**Penalty 5, Stars 1:** Sidney Crosby scored his 32nd and 33rd goals of the season and picked up an assist as host Pittsburgh's top line led the way over Dallas.

**Hurricanes 3, Blue Jackets 1:** Anton Khudobin made a career-high 46 saves and Andrei Loktionov and Patrick Dwyer each had a goal and an assist as Carolina topped host Columbus.

**Red Wings 3, Maple Leafs 2:** Gustav Nyquist had two goals and Jimmy Howard made 31 saves to help host Detroit hold off Toronto.

**Flames 3, Blackhawks 2 (OT):** Claude Giroux scored at 4:55 of overtime to lift host Philadelphia over Chicago.

Scott Hartnell scored twice for Philadelphia.

**Flames 3, Sabres 1:** Mike Cammalleri's 20th goal of the season midway through the third period helped host Calgary beat Buffalo.

**Oilers 5, Predators 1:** Jordan Eberle had a pair of goals and an assist as host Edmonton cruised past Nashville.

**Panthers 3, Sharks 2:** Brandon Pirri scored one goal and set up another in a 17-second span of the second period and Roberto Luongo made 52 saves to help visiting Florida snap San Jose's six-game winning streak.

**Capitals 3, Ducks 2:** Alex Ovechkin scored the tiebreaking goal early in the third period as visiting Washington kept up its playoff push with a victory over Anaheim.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Boston	69	47	5	5	99	223-121
Montreal	70	38	25	7	83	180-177
Tampa Bay	68	34	27	7	75	198-178
Toronto	70	36	26	8	80	205-214
Detroit	68	24	37	7	55	198-178
Detroit	68	27	37	13	69	194-229
Florida	69	26	35	8	60	172-223
Buffalo	69	22	40	7	51	153-205
Metropolitan Division						
Pittsburgh	68	45	5	5	94	214-168
Philadelphia	68	35	27	6	79	195-195
Washington	68	34	28	6	74	195-195
Columbus	68	35	27	6	76	195-195
Carolina	70	33	27	10	76	204-209
New Jersey	69	33	27	9	75	181-180
Washington	69	30	30	9	69	172-195
N.Y. Islanders	70	26	35	9	61	155-229

### Western Conference

Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
St. Louis	68	47	14	7	101	226-152
Colorado	68	40	21	7	87	217-187
Chicago	69	35	15	9	83	233-182
Minnesota	68	35	21	12	81	217-187
Dallas	68	32	25	11	75	194-197
Winnipeg	70	31	30	9	74	204-204
Nashville	69	29	30	10	68	165-206
Pacific Division						
Anaheim	68	45	8	5	99	220-175
Vancouver	70	45	18	7	97	216-168
Los Angeles	68	38	24	6	82	177-168
Phoenix	69	35	25	11	77	192-196
San Jose	68	35	25	8	78	194-196
Vancouver	69	28	34	8	68	168-203
Edmonton	70	25	36	9	59	176-225

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

**Mondays games**  
Boston 4, Vancouver 3  
St. Louis 3, Winnipeg 1  
Phoenix 4, Los Angeles 3

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Pittsburgh 5, Dallas 1  
Philadelphia 3, Columbus 2  
Montreal 6, Colorado 3  
N.Y. Rangers 8, Ottawa 4

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Tampa Bay at Toronto  
St. Louis at Chicago  
Philadelphia at Vancouver  
Nashville at Pittsburgh

**Thursday's games**  
Minnesota at New Jersey  
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Nashville's Patrick Aves, right, checks Edmonton's Mark Fraser during the first period of Tuesday's game in Edmonton, Alberta.

### Flayers 3, Blackhawks 2 (OT)

**Chicago** 2 0 0-2  
**Philadelphia** 2 0 0-1  
**First Period**—1, Chicago, Shaw 17 (Handzus, Sharp), 2:20; 2, Chicago, Keith 4 (Trowes, Hosala), 3:51; 3, Philadelphia, Hartnell 17 (Coburn), 5:48; 4, Philadelphia, Hartnell 18 (Giroux, Read), 16:27.  
**Overtime**—5, Philadelphia, Giroux 24 (Streit), 4:55.  
**Shots on Goal**—Chicago 7-11-5-25. Philadelphia 14-16-14-37.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Chicago 0 of 5; Philadelphia of 5.  
**Second Period**—1, Chicago, 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Third Period**—1, Chicago, 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Final Score**—Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2.  
**Goalies**—Chicago, Raanta 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Penalty Minutes**—Chicago 12, Philadelphia 18.  
**Star of the Game**—Chicago's Raanta.

### Oilers 5, Predators 1

**Nashville** 1 0 0-1  
**Edmonton** 1 2 5-5  
**First Period**—1, Edmonton, Gagner 8 (Mancini, Perron), 19:25.  
**Second Period**—2, Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 16 (Eberle, Larsen), 8:18 (pp), 3, Edmonton, Hall 23 (Gagner, Ference), 14:48; 4, Nashville, Bourque 6 (Hornqvist, Weber), 16:39.  
**Third Period**—5, Edmonton, Eberle 22 (Lander, Nugent-Hopkins), 8:38; 6, Edmonton, Eberle 23 (Nugent-Hopkins), 10:01.  
**Shots on Goal**—Nashville 9-14-6-29.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Nashville 0 of 5; Edmonton 1 of 4.  
**Goalies**—Nashville, Rinne 6-9-1 (26 shots-21 saves), Hutton (10:01 third), 4-4.  
**Edmonton**, Fasth 4-2-2 (29-28).  
**Penalty Minutes**—Edmonton 16, Nashville 2.

### Red Wings 3, Maple Leafs 2

**Toronto** 0 0 2-2  
**Detroit** 0 2 2-2  
**First Period**—1, Detroit, Nyquist 18 (Quincey), 12:50; 2, Detroit, Nyquist 19, 20:6; 3, Toronto, Gardiner 9 (Rielly), 8:24 (pp), 4, Detroit, Alfredsson 15 (Ligueard, Kronwall), 17:27; 5, Toronto, van Riemsdyk 17 (Phaneuf, Luongo), 18:40.  
**Second Period**—1, Detroit, 9-12-12-31.  
**Third Period**—1, Detroit, 9-12-12-31.  
**Shots on Goal**—Nashville 9-14-6-29.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Nashville 0 of 5; Edmonton 1 of 4.  
**Goalies**—Nashville, Rinne 6-9-1 (26 shots-21 saves), Hutton (10:01 third), 4-4.  
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**Penalty Minutes**—Edmonton 16, Nashville 2.

### Wild 6, Islanders 0

**Minnesota** 2 1 3-6  
**N.Y. Islanders** 0 0 0-0  
**First Period**—1, Minnesota, Moulson 19 (Kotlarski, Koivu), 12:23; 2, Minnesota, St. Pierre 4 (Healey, Niederreiter), 15:57.  
**Second Period**—3, Minnesota, Granlund 7 (Pominville, Paillet), 16:02.  
**Third Period**—1, Minnesota, St. Pierre 4 (Healey, Niederreiter), 16:02.  
**Shots on Goal**—Minnesota 16-11-36.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 1 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3.  
**Goalies**—Minnesota, Bryzgalov 6-8-6 (36 shots-36 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Nilsson 3-5-2 (22-16).  
**Penalty Minutes**—Minnesota 16, Toronto 2.

### Canadiens 6, Avalanche 3

**Colorado** 1 1 1-3  
**Montreal** 0 2 4-6  
**First Period**—1, Colorado, MacKinnon 23 (Stastny, Johnson), 18:03.  
**Second Period**—1, Colorado, Vanek 23 (Desharnais), 7:24; 3, Colorado, Talbot 8 (Duchene, McInnis), 9:33; 4, Montreal, Moen 2 (Prust, Weaver), 10:21.  
**Third Period**—5, Montreal, Prust 6 (Markov, Enns), 8:38; 6, Colorado, McGinn 18 (Duchene, O'Reilly), 10:05; 7, Montreal, Vanek 23 (Paciorek, Desharnais), 14:45 (pp), 8, Montreal, Vanek 24 (Phelan, Paciorek), 17:40; 9, Montreal, Weise 5 (Phelan, Paciorek), 19:08.  
**Shots on Goal**—Colorado 8-13-28.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Colorado 0 of 3; Montreal 2 of 3.  
**Goalies**—Colorado, Iginla 10-6-6 (35 shots-30 saves), Montreal, Price 28-17-5 (28-25).  
**Penalty Minutes**—Colorado 12, Montreal 2.

### Penguins 5, Stars 1

**Dallas** 1 0 0-1  
**Pittsburgh** 2 1 2-5  
**First Period**—1, Pittsburgh, Crosby 32 (Adams), 4:17; 2, Dallas, Seguin 31 (Daley), 12:30; 3, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 32 (Stempniak), 15:52.  
**Second Period**—4, Pittsburgh, Stempniak 9 (Kunitz, Crosby), 10:17.  
**Third Period**—5, Pittsburgh, Crosby 33 (Stempniak, Berrigan), 12:44; 6, Pittsburgh, Sutter 11 (Gibbons, Bortuzzo), 12:47 (sh).  
**Shots on Goal**—Dallas 8-10-15-33. Pittsburgh 12-9-11-32.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Dallas 0 of 3; Pittsburgh of 1.  
**Goalies**—Pittsburgh, Lehtonen 25-17-13 (32 shots-27 saves), Pittsburgh, Tatkoff 11-4 (33-32).  
**Penalty Minutes**—Dallas 18, Pittsburgh 2.

### Bruins 4, Devils 2

**Boston** 2 1 4-4  
**New Jersey** 0 0 1-2  
**First Period**—1, Boston, Bergeron 20 (Lajoie, Gosselin), 7:11; 2, New Jersey, Lajoie 3 (Gosselin, Jagr), 9:13.  
**Second Period**—1, Boston, 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Third Period**—1, Boston, 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Shots on Goal**—Boston 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Power-play opportunities**—Boston 0 of 2; Philadelphia of 2.  
**Goalies**—Boston, C. Johnson 15-3-1 (24 shots-22 saves), New Jersey, Brodeur 13-4 (31-27).  
**Penalty Minutes**—Boston 16, New Jersey 2.

### Hurricanes 3, Blue Jackets 1

**Carolina** 1 2 0-3  
**Columbus** 0 2 2-4  
**First Period**—1, Carolina, Greer 15 (Dwyer), 3:41.  
**Second Period**—2, Carolina, Loktionov 5 (Harrison, Nash), 5:23 (pp), 3, Carolina, Dwyer 16 (Loktionov, Berrigan), 17:20.  
**Third Period**—1, Carolina, 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Shots on Goal**—Carolina 5-15-20. Columbus 17-11-19-47.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Carolina 1 of 5; Columbus of 3.  
**Goalies**—Carolina, Khudobin 15-10-0 (47 shots-34 saves), Columbus, Brodeur 26-17-12 (40-27).  
**Penalty Minutes**—Carolina 16, Columbus 0.

### Rangers 4, Senators 1

**N.Y. Rangers** 1 4 3-8  
**Ottawa** 0 2 0-4  
**First Period**—1, Ottawa, Lottionov 13 (Crosby, Methot), 6:57; 2, N.Y. Rangers, Nash 21, 8:02 (sh), 3, Ottawa, Zibanejad 13 (Gaezzer, Berrigan), 12:44 (pp).  
**Second Period**—4, N.Y. Rangers, Brassard 17 (Gaezzer, Berrigan), 12:44 (pp), 5, Ottawa, Lottionov 12, 15:48; 6, N.Y. Rangers, Pavesi 17 (Gaezzer, Berrigan), 17:20.  
**Third Period**—1, Ottawa, 12-3-4 (37 shots-34 saves), Philadelphia, Emery 8-9 (25-23).  
**Shots on Goal**—N.Y. Rangers 9-17-13-39. Ottawa 9-14-12-35.  
**Power-play opportunities**—N.Y. Rangers 2 of 3; Ottawa 0 of 2.  
**Goalies**—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 26-24 (39 shots-36 saves), Ottawa, Zuccarello 7-13-28. Lawson (0:00 third), Lehter 7-13-28 (8:08 third).  
**Penalty Minutes**—N.Y. Rangers 13, Ottawa 2.

### Leaders

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Sidney Crosby, Pit	69	48	13	8	99
Ryan Getzlaf, Ana	65	45	14	6	96
Patrick Kane, Chi	68	43	16	9	95
Claude Giroux, Phi	68	44	17	7	95
Tyler Seguin, Dal	66	41	19	6	92
Phil Kessel, Was	66	41	19	6	92
Erik Oksanen, NYI	69	42	24	3	87
David Boothby, Was	70	35	26	9	83
Nicklas Bakken, Was	70	35	26	9	83
Corey Perry, Ana	69	36	31	3	75

# NBA

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	37	29	.562	—
Brooklyn	31	34	.523	2 1/2
New York	40	25	.613	—
Boston	22	46	.324	16
Philadelphia	52	22	.703	—
Southeast Division				
xMiami	46	19	.708	—
Atlanta	35	32	.523	12
Charlotte	33	35	.485	14 1/2
Orlando	31	35	.470	15 1/2
Washington	19	49	.279	28 1/2
Central Division				
xIndiana	40	27	.746	—
Chicago	37	30	.552	1/2
Cleveland	46	42	.582	2 1/2
Detroit	25	41	.379	24 1/2
Milwaukee	13	55	.191	37 1/2

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	50	16	.758	—
Houston	45	22	.672	5 1/2
Dallas	41	27	.603	10
Memphis	39	27	.591	11
New Orleans	27	39	.409	23
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	49	18	.731	—
Portland	44	24	.647	5 1/2
Minnesota	32	32	.508	15
Denver	30	37	.448	19
Utah	22	46	.324	27 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	48	21	.696	—
Phoenix	43	26	.625	5
Golden State	29	39	.429	15 1/2
Sacramento	24	44	.353	23 1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	53	.182	34 1/2

Monday's games				
Indiana 99, Philadelphia 90				
Atlanta 97, Charlotte 83				
Brooklyn 108, Phoenix 95				
Oklahoma City 97, Chicago 85				
Dallas 94, Utah 88				
Denver 110, L.A. Clippers 100				
Tuesday's games				
Miami 100, Cleveland 96				
Atlanta 118, Toronto 113				
Portland 120, Milwaukee 115				
Sacramento 117, Washington 111				
Golden State 103, Orlando 89				
Wednesday's games				
Chicago at Philadelphia				
Charlotte at Brooklyn				
Miami at Boston				
Utah at Memphis				
Toronto at New Orleans				
Indiana at New York				
Minnesota at Dallas				
Detroit at Denver				
Orlando at Phoenix				
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers				
Thursday's games				
Oklahoma City at Cleveland				
Minnesota at Houston				
Washington at Portland				
Milwaukee at Golden State				

Tuesday				
Hawks 118, Raptors 113 (OT)				
TORONTO — Ross 4-9 0-11, Johnson 5-12 1-11, Valanciunas 5-7 1-6, Lowry 8-16 4-20, DeRozan 8-18 13-14 29, Hansbrough 0-10 0-10 0-0 0-0, Carter 1-5 0-10 0-0, 10, Sammons 1-2 0-3, Hayes 1-1 0-2, De Colo 4-2 2-2. Totals 48-98 26-19 113.				
ATLANTA — Carroll 4-10 0-0 8, Millsap 6-16 6-17 19, Antic 2-6 3-8, Teague 11-18 11-21 24, Vesquez 0-5, Atlanta 11-34 (Korver 3-8, Martin 2-4, Mack 2-5, Teague 1-2, Mikanic 1-3, Schroder 1-5, Antic 1-5, Scott 0-1, Carroll 0-3). Fouled Out —None. Rebounds —Toronto 33 (Johnson 11), Atlanta 35 (Millsap 13). Assists —Toronto 21 (Lowry 9), Atlanta 24 (Millsap 10). Total Fouls —Toronto 34, Atlanta 24. Technicals —Lowry, Antic. A—11,759 (18,729).				

## T-Blazers 120, Bucks 111 (OT)

MILWAUKEE — Middleton 7-17 0-0 18, Ilyasova 6-10 0-0 12, Pachulia 7-14 3-3 17, Knight 8-20 2-7 24, Waters 1-5 2-4, Henson 3-5 0-2, Antetokounmpo 2-6 0-0 2, Sessions 5-16 6-23, Adrien 3-5 1-1 7. Totals 45-98 17-26 115.	
PORTLAND — Batum 7-15 4-21 21, D.Wright 0-8 1-2 1, Lopez 7-12 1-1 15, Lillard 7-21 5-5 20, Matthews 8-15 5-5 26, Williams 7-12 6-6 23, Leonard 1-3 0-0 2, Robinson 4-8 1-3 9, McCollum 0-2 0-0 0, Barton 1-1 1-1 3. Totals 42-87 24-27 120.	
Milwaukee 25 18 25 26 17-15	
Portland 26 25 23 21 22-20	
Three-Point Goals—Milwaukee 8-17 (Middleton 4-7, Knight 3-7, Sessions 1-2, Antetokounmpo 0-1). Portland 12-39 (Matthews 5-7, Williams 3-5, Batum 3-7, Lillard 1-1). McCollum 0-2, D.Wright 0-7). Fouled Out—Middleton, Ilyasova. Rebounds—Milwaukee 6 (Pachulia 13). Portland 54 (Lopez 14). Assists—Milwaukee 28 (Walters 6). Portland 25 (Batum 9). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 31, Portland 22. A—19,572 (19,980).	

## Warriors 103, Magic 89

ORLANDO — Harkless 4-5 4-12 10, O'Quinn 4-7 2-4 10, Uvacic 7-14 1-2 15, Nelson 2-7 0-0 4, Affalo 2-7 0-0 4, Harris 5-11 3-3 14, Moore 3-8 0-1 6, Oladipo 3-8 3-4 10, Lamb 1-2 0-0 2, Nicholson 3-6 2-2 8, Bedmon 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 35-77 15-20 88.	
GOLDEN STATE — Barnes 1-6 2-2 4, Green 2-11 2-6 2, Lee 8-12 4-4 20, Curry 9-13 2-3 23, Thompson 7-14 2-2 20, Blake 5-3 3-12, Spigouths 5-10 3-4 13, Crawford 2-8 1-5, Nedovic 0-3 0-0 0 2, Zuzunoff 0-0 0 0. Totals 37-82 19-21 103.	
Orlando 27 20 19 23—89	
Golden State 30 27 30 16—103	

Three-Point Goals—Orlando 4-13 (Harkless 2-3, Harris 1-1, Oladipo 1-2, Lamb 0-1, Nelson 0-2, Moore 0-4). Golden State 10-27 (Thompson 4-5, Blake 3-5, Curry 2-6, Spigouths 0-1, Nedovic 0-2, Green 0-2, Barnes 0-2, Crawford 0-3). Rebounds—Orlando 47 (Lee 10). Assists—Orlando 22 (Nelson 7). Golden State 21 (Curry 5). Total Fouls—Orlando 17, Golden State 19. A—19,596 (19,596).	
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## Kings 117, Wizards 111 (OT)

WASHINGTON — Ariza 5-13 0-0 12, Bostler 4-6 2-2 10, Gortat 1-2 5-4 19, Wall 5-12 2-6 14, Beal 7-23 5-19, Webster 3-6 1-1 9, Harrington 1-3 3-4 6, Miller 1-6 2-3 4, Gordon 3-10 2-3 10, Temple 0-0 0-0 0, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-91 20-30 111.	
SACRAMENTO — Gay 10-17 4-24 26, Evans 2-5 3-4 7, Cousins 9-17 6-11 24, Thomas 6-10 10-24, McLemore 6-9 0-11, Williams 2-5 3-4 8, Thompson 4-6 2-2 10, Ayco 2-2 2-2, McCullum 2-7 1-7 17. Totals 48-87 31-40 117.	
Washington 19 27 27 21—111	
Sacramento 30 17 23 30—117	
Three-Point Goals—Washington 11-26 (Goodie 2-2, Wall 2-3, Webster 2-5, Beal 2-8, Ariza 2-8, Harrington 1-2). Sacramento 12-28 (McClumore 2-2, Thomas 7, Williams 1-2, McLemore 1-7). Fouled Out—Wall, Rebounds—Washington 52 (Gortat 14). Sacramento 45 (Cousins 14). Assists—Washington 28 (Wall 8). Sacramento 18 (Thomas 10). Total Fouls—Washington 32, Sacramento 29. Flagrant Fouls—Wall. A—16,084 (17,317).	

## Heat 100, Cavaliers 96

MAMI — James 14-19 13-43, Bosh 8-16 3-4 21, Oden 3-6 0-1 6, Chalmers 7-17 0-0 19, Douglas 3-7 2-3 9, Allen 5-13 2-14, Anderson 6-7 2-6 3, Battier 0-2 0-0 0, Cole 0-1 1-2 1, Haslem 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-75 20-31 100.	
CLEVELAND — Gee 11-17 0-0 12, Thompson 3-6 1-6 10, Hawes 5-10 1-2 11, Chalmers 12-22, Waters 6-19 4-5 17, Dellavedova 27 (Waters 11). Totals 71-126. Feller 1-1 2-3 3, Miles 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-75 22-96.	
Heat 27 27 27 20—100	
Cleveland 25 25 25 17—96	
Three-Point Goals—Miami 11-20 (James 6-8, Bosh 2-5, Oden 2-3, Douglas 1-3, Battier 0-1, Cole 0-1). Cleveland 16-22 (Curry 4-6, Gee 2-6, Waters 4-6, Dellavedova 0-1, Hawes 0-3). Fouled Out—Miami 11 (James 10, Anderson 1). Cleveland 8 (Jarvis 11). Assists—Miami 22 (Chalmers 9), Cleveland 27 (Waters 11). Total Fouls—Miami 22, Cleveland 28. Technicals—Cole, Miami defensive three second. A—20,562 (20,562).	



TONY DEJAK/AP

The Heat's LeBron James, right, drives around the Cavaliers' Jarrett Jack during the second quarter Tuesday in Cleveland. James scored 43 points — 25 in the first quarter — in a 100-96 victory.

## Roundup

# LeBron lifts Heat over Cavs

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As shot after shot dropped through the net, it became clear LeBron James was going to have one of those special nights.

The kind he has every so often. The kind he has when Dwyane Wade sits.

James scored 43 points — 25 in a bewildering first-quarter shooting display — and Chris Bosh added 21, leading the Miami Heat to a 100-96 win Tuesday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers, who played their first game without injured All-Star guard Kyrie Irving.

With Wade out resting his sore knees, James took it upon himself to carry the Heat. The same thing happened on March 3 and James responded by scoring a career-high 61 against Charlotte.

I don't know, it's one of those zones," James said, trying to explain how he made 10 of 11 shots and five three-pointers in the dizzying opening quarter. "When I started the game off, I felt like I could have gone for 50 or 60."

James added two crucial blocks

and dropped six free throws in the final two minutes, and Bosh had a key rejection to lead the Heat to just their third win in eight games.

With Wade out, the Heat's two other megastars picked up the slack.

Jarrett Jack scored 22 and Dion Waiters added 17 and 11 assists for Cleveland, which was also without starting forward Luol Deng (sprained ankle). Irving's expected to miss two weeks with a strained knee tendon, an injury that further damages the Cavs' fading playoff hopes. Cleveland fell six games behind Atlanta for the final playoff spot.

"Our guys hung in there and they competed," Cavs coach Mike Brown said.

After one quarter, it was James vs. Cavs 25.

**Hawks 118, Raptors 113 (OT):** Jeff Teague equaled his career best with 34 points, Paul Millsap had the first triple-double of his career and host Atlanta extended its longest winning streak of the season to five in a row, beat-

ing Toronto.

Millsap had 19 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists to lead the Hawks, who have bounced back after losing 14 of 15 to strengthen their hold on the final playoff spot in the East.

**Kings 117, Wizards 111 (OT):** Isaiah Thomas had his first career triple double with 24 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to help the host Kings beat the Wizards.

**Trail Blazers 120, Bucks 115 (OT):** Wesley Matthews had 26 points, including a key three-pointer in overtime, and the host Trail Blazers overcame the tenacious Bucks.

Robin Lopez added 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Blazers, who had been in a funk with losses in five of their last six games.

Portland (44-24) has also struggled with the absence of injured forward LaMarcus Aldridge.

**Warriors 103, Magic 89:** Stephen Curry had 23 points and five assists, Jax Thompson scored 20 points and the undermanned Warriors overwhelmed the visiting Magic.

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## HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW

## Kubasaki regrouping for another shot at Far East

Dragons counting on multi-sport athletes for points

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — Jon Fick watched Kubasaki capture the Far East Division I football title and his own Dragons basketball team finish second in last month's D-I Tournament.

A good number of athletes from those teams have migrated to the track this spring.

Respective 1,600-meter Pacific record holders Jessica Iroink and Erik Armes have transferred to the States, while Ryan Bugler and Allie Reichenberg graduated last June. That takes 45 Far East team points away from the boys and girls teams, Fick notes.

"But we have a lot of athletes here," he said. "To win football and to come in second in basketball, we have to have something." What the Dragons do have, in Fick's third season as coach, is more of a balance, especially on the girls side. While the table was tilted in favor of distance a year ago, Fick says the hope is that the Dragons can get points in other areas to make up the shortfall.

"We lost a lot of points, but we can make up for them if our throwers and relays come through," Fick said.

Plenty of upperclass experience populates the boys sprint corps, led by football speedsters Jarrett Mitchell and Winston Maxwell, and Fick believes that Rahman Farnell, lead of basketball, is prepared to have a big senior season.

Among girls sprinters, youth is clearly served with sophomores Katelyn Francis and Kortney Mitchell — also of basketball — at the start line.

It's not as though the distance cupboard is bare: Senior Jessica Freedman and junior Sam Fugate return. Seniors Kareem Key and Kane Wilton lead the throwers corps, senior Josie Mitchell heads the jumps and hurdles group and junior DeQuan Alderman will run middle distances.

"We need some middle distance in the boys; the girls, we have some stars in some areas," Fick said.

"You take away the 800, the mile and the two-mile and we're still in the running. It won't be as dominant as last year, but we'll compete. I'm pretty optimistic."

They'll get a stern challenge in the distance events from Kadema, with two-time Far East cross-country champions Ana Hernandez and Andrew Kilkenny;



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**Kubasaki senior sprinter Rahman Farnell is due for a big track and field season, coach Jon Fick said.**

Yokota, with sophomore distance phenom Daniel Galvin; and Zama, with sophomore Jarell Hibler.

Kinnick, the DODDS Japan and girls D-I team champion, returns most of the crew that earned those points, including three-fourths of the team that set a Pacific 1,600 relay record, sophomore Aya Stewart and juniors Ryssa Hizon and Shakita Samuels.

At the Division II level, Zama has shown early promise, thanks to Hibler, junior hurdler Candace Bowman, and senior thrower Niyah Lewis. Daegu finally has some good numbers and the same coach for a second season for the first time, as does Osan.

But the Cougars face replacing their entire squad, half of which moved to Humphreys. The Blackhawks welcome a new-old face to Pacific track, new coach Mitchell Moellendick, who coached Zama in the 2000s.

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## Team capsules

## Division I

## South Korea

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, seventh; boys, seventh; girls, sixth.  
**Coach:** Reginald Winn, first season.  
**Key performers:** Danton Briggs, Sr., sprints; T'isha Jones, Sr., sprints; Cameron Harris, Sr., sprints; Dayah Tull, Sr., hurdles; jumps; Dale Bush, Jr., hurdles, jumps.

**Outlook:** Reloading-contending. This will be the first season the Falcons can field hurdlers and jumpers who will get ample practice time and space. Biggest team in terms of numbers ever fielded by the Falcons; 75 total athletes tried out at the varsity and JV levels.

## Okinawa

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, second; boys, second; girls, third.

**Coach:** Kevin Taylor, second season.  
**Key performers:** Janika Gaines, Sr., sprints; Andrew Kilkenny, Sr., distance; Ana Hernandez, Sr., distance; Latrelle Williams, Sr., distance; Leslie Williams, Sr., distance; Andrew Scharf, Sr., throws; Wren Requist, Jr., distance; Javier Mitchell, Jr., distance; Damien Reaso, Sr., hurdles, jumps, sprints; Cameron Dotson, Sr., middle distance; Hunter Fiecoe, Sr., distance; Preston Harris, Sr., jumps.

**Outlook:** Boys, contending; girls, contending. Quite a few distance pieces left after last season, but enough players remain across the board for the Panthers to make a deep run at the banners.

## Kubasaki

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, first; boys, first; girls, fourth.

**Coach:** Jon Fick, third season.  
**Key performers:** Jarrett Mitchell, Sr., sprints; relay; Sam Fugate, Jr., distance; Jessica Freedman, Sr., distance; Rahman Farnell, Sr., sprints; Winston Maxwell, Jr., middle distance; Josie Mitchell, Sr., hurdles; jumps; Tyson Butler, Sr., sprints; Jacob Green, So., sprints; Kane Wilton, Sr., throws; Kane Wilton, Sr., throws; Joe Cervantes, Sr., jumps; Katelyn Francis, Sr., sprints; Kortney Mitchell, So., spring, jumps.

**Outlook:** Boys, re-loading-contending; girls, reloading-contending. Dragons' distance corps took some serious transfer and graduation hits, but enough components return for another run at the combined title. Fick will have to rely more on sprinters this season, as the distance ranks aren't what they were.

## Japan

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, fifth; boys, third; girls, tied for fifth.

**Coach:** Maggie Chan-Porter, second season.

**Key performers:** Daniel Galvin, So., distance; George Wiest, Jr., middle distance; relay; Cheyenne Turner, Jr., Michael Mangubat, Sr., hurdles; Samantha Arnold, So., middle distance; Josie Mitchell, Sr., hurdles; Amelia Arnold, Sr., hurdles; Denzel Wilkins, Sr., sprints; Mickey Patterson, Sr., distance; jumps (transferred from Elson Air Force Base, Alaska); Nate Pula, Jr., sprints, throws; distance; Christian Sonnenberg, Jr., throws; Diamond Foster, Sr., middle distance; relay; transfer from Kenwood High School in Clarksville, Tenn.; De'ja Hersey, Jr., middle distance; relay; (transferred from Cane Bay High School in North Carolina); Shota Sprunger, Jr., hurdles; middle distance (transferred from Germany).

**Outlook:** Boys, rebuilding; girls, rebuilding, but hoping to become competitive in the near future. The team is a former All-American at Brigham Young and Hong Kong team, and was the 2000 All-American at Brigham Young. Her roster is young this season; one third are freshmen.

## Kinnick

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, third; boys, fourth; girls, first.

**Coach:** Joe Volk, second season.

**Key performers:** Caydalyz Fontanez, Sr., distance; Ian O'Brien, Sr., throws; Dre Paylor, So., sprints; Nick Galegher, So., hurdles; Tarrick Mitchell, So., sprints; Brian Johnson, Sr., sprints (transferred from States); Shakita Samuels, Jr., sprints; Ryssa Hizon, Jr., sprints, jumps; Aya Stewart, Sr., sprints; Jayla Asadiy, Jr., hurdles; Kiah Hester, Sr., throws; Halemia Sebby, Sr., hurdles; Deja Curtis, Sr., sprints.

**Outlook:** Boys, rebuilding; girls, contending. The boys lost nine of their 14 at Far East last May to graduation and transfers and Voth is left with a very young team. The girls lost their only athlete in James (graduation) and De'Asia Brown (transfer), but enough key components return from last year's girls team champion to make another run.

## Division II

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, second; boys, second; girls, fourth.

**Coach:** Debra Lewis, first season; Tom Dignan, second season.

**Key performers:** Debra Lewis, Sr., throws; Hiroshi Beale, Sr., middle distance; Cody Trose, Jr., middle distance; Candace Bowman, Jr., hurdles; Joseph Atkinson, Jr., throws; Kevin Groce, So., throws; Jarell Hibler, Sr., distance; Miles Camacho, Sr., middle distance; Clara Baldwin, Jr., throws; Jessica Lewis,



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**Yaloka sophomore Daniel Galvin began the Japan track and field season last Saturday by becoming the first runner in Pacific history to run a sub-two-minute 800 in his first meet (1 minute, 59.22 seconds). The Pacific record is 1:57.3.**

Jr.; Jaedon Baker-Atkinson, So., sprints; Jaedon Baker-Atkinson, So., sprints; Tara Carroll, Jr., sprints; Zach Dignan, Jr., throws; Marcus Easterling, Jr., sprints; Tobias Hurley, Jr., sprints.

**Outlook:** Rebuilding. Trojans lost two valuable commodities in Mitchell Harrison and Ian Pope to graduation. Enough athletes remain, and Galvin feels that his senior leaders, Bowman and Hibler will lead a solid group of newcomers and freshmen.

## Edgren

**Coach:** Sean Lucas, first season.

**Key performers:** None provided. Season shut down after the 2011 season. Every one of the Eagles are brand new to the sport, and the Eagles are having to share practice time with the other spring sports teams until the snow melts off of the six-lane track in early April.

## Daegu

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, fifth; boys, fifth; girls, third.

**Coach:** Phillip Loyd, second season.

**Key performers:** Caleb Page, Jr., middle distance; Anfernee Dent, Sr., sprints; jumps; DeAndre Rosalie, So., middle distance; Diane Grunwald, Jr., sprints; jumps; Crystal Herrington, Jr., distance; Larri Robertson, Sr., sprints; Brooks Sprung, Jr., hurdles; John Davis, Sr., sprints; Miguel Cardona, So., throws; Ariyana Canty, So., throws.

**Outlook:** Still building in the program's fourth full season, but the numbers are up and enough talent is there for a potential run at a D-II banner. Still hampered by not having a full eight-lane track on either Camps Henry, George or Walker; just a jogging track on the latter.

## Osan

**2013 Far East meet finish:** Combined, third; boys, fourth; girls, second.

**Coach:** Le-Nique Lnsford, second season.

**Key performers:** Brandon Adair, Sr., sprints; relays; Brent Smith, Jr., sprints; relays; Ryan Brown-Dawson, Jr., sprints; hurdles; relays; William Dawson, So., middle distance; Kiah Hester, Sr., throws; Sowan Kang, Sr., sprints, hurdles, relays; Sowan Kang, Sr., middle distance, distance.

**Outlook:** Rebuilding. Cougars have the same coach a second season for the first time in the program's four-team history. Completely new lineup, team transfer.

The girls lost their only athlete in the move of half the student body to the new Humphreys.

## Humphreys

**Coach:** Mitch Moellendick, first season.

**Key performers:** Aia Barnes, So., sprints; Andrew Volk, second season; John Burger, Jr., throws; Ra'Mecca Rasun, Jr., throws; Anna Gregory, Jr., hurdles; Timi Ward, Jr., hurdles, sprints (transferred from Hofheims, Germany); Brandon Williams, Sr., middle distance (transferred from Louisiana); Nicole Cassidy, Jr., distance; Nylander St. Louis, Jr., distance.

**Outlook:** Just starting up, though many of the Blackhawks aren't new to track and field. Barnes, Volk, Gregory and Burger previously competed for Osan. Moellendick returns to Osan as head coach after a six-season hiatus; he previously coached at Zama in the 2000s.

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**Kinnick sophomore Aya Stewart is part of the 1,600 relay team that set a Pacific record in last year's Far East meet with a time of 4 minutes, 3.38 seconds.**

# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## Baseball preview

# Division I remains a two-team rivalry

By GREGORY BROOME

Stars and Stripes

**D**efending Division I champion Ramstein and reigning Division II champion Naples are among the 10 teams in action this weekend as the DODDS Europe baseball season gets underway.

Here's a look at the season ahead:

**Division I:** The Ramstein Royals ended the Patch Panthers' three-year, large-school title reign last spring. But the Ramstein triumph shouldn't be mistaken for a clean transfer of power; it's just a new phase in the rivalry that has defined the sport since its recent addition to the DODDS Europe athletics menu.

Ramstein beat Patch in the inaugural Division I baseball championship game in 2009.

Patch won the next three titles before faltering last year. Ramstein played runner-up to each Patch title before breaking through in 2013. Where the story heads from here is anyone's guess.

Both coaches are cautiously confident that the thickening plot will twist in their favor. But each is realistic about the challenges ahead.

"I feel like we are starting this season off at a higher level than we did last season," Ramstein coach Tom Yost said. "We must continue working to improve our skill level if we want a true shot at defending our title."

Patch coach Drake Marbury offered a similar prognosis.

"We have a strong, experienced core returning," Marbury said. "Our challenge will be to continue to improve as a team and develop our pitching staff."

**Division II/III:** While a two-team power structure has dominated the Division I ranks, DODDS Europe's more chaotic lower-division scrum has yielded fresh

champions every season.

Naples took its turn on the throne in 2013, finishing off an unbeaten season by blasting Italian rival Vicenza 15-1.

SHAPE, Bitburg, Rota and AFNORTH have also celebrated Division II, Division III or combined Division II/III titles since the sport's debut.

With that hopeful history in mind, the 11 teams that aren't defending champion Naples will look to seize their opportunity in 2014.

While inexperienced overall, Ansbach boasts one of the division's best returning duos in pitcher/infielder iron men Austin Benton and Bailey Ward.

Signonella boasts an experienced player at seven positions, including junior pitcher/outfielder Tommy McManus, but the Division III school faces a constant uphill struggle against Division II competition.

Baumholder restarts its previously folded program under new coach Erik Majorowitz and senior Taylor Moore, who will pitch, catch and man an infield spot.

Vicenza returns eight players from its runner-up squad, including pitcher/catcher Levi Martin and pitcher/shortstop Louis Veazey, and should contend again.

But it's very possible none of those upstarts will have what it takes to unseat the reigning Wildcats.

Longtime head coach Duke Marlow and assistant Ron Zimmerman bring back a formidable collection of talent from the team that rolled unbeaten to a European championship.

Middle infielder Jonny Bray and All-Europe first baseman George Shaffer give Naples a reliable defensive infield, a problematic area for many teams. The pitching is solid with returnee Zane Zimmerman leading a deep staff.

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Ramstein junior Katherine Eneyart was the Stars and Stripes softball Athlete of the Year in 2013.

## Softball preview

# Royals team to beat

## Eneyart, Ramstein aim for third straight title

By GREGORY BROOME

Stars and Stripes

**T**he DODDS Europe softball season opens Saturday with five matchups in three countries, including a marquee matchup between defending Division I champion Ramstein and rising rival Vilseck.

Here's a look at the season ahead.

**Division I:** With a championship culture and a top-notch youth system feeding them fresh talent on an annual basis, the Ramstein Royals have long been the class of DODDS-Europe softball. The title they won in 2013 was their second straight and third in four years.

Beyond that history of success, however, Ramstein has something no other Division I team has: Katherine Eneyart.

Around 20 players play some role in the outcome of a softball game; Eneyart is one of the few in DODDS Europe who can dominate one singlehandedly. The 2013 Stars and Stripes softball Athlete of the Year was an overwhelming force as a junior, moving down opposing batters from the mound and swatting booming home runs when it's her turn at the plate.

Eneyart's senior season should hold more of the same, and it's her game-changing presence that is Ramstein's best shot at another championship. The return of fellow All-European Savannah Brooks, another two-way standout, and solid senior catcher Alexis Weathers strengthens the Royals' case.

But Ramstein might be vulnerable this season. Only seven varsity Royals return from last year's title squad. Three of the program's five All-Europe selections are gone, including two of its three first-

teamers. Coach Kathleen Kleha will tap incoming freshmen for key starts and at-bats; their ability to "step up and perform" will go a long way toward determining the Royals' hopes of another title.

**Division II/III:** Last year, DODDS Europe's two smaller divisions held separate tournaments, with Vicenza beating AFNORTH for the Division II crown and Alconbury knocking off Rota for the Division III title.

That will change this year as softball moves to the same combined model that baseball has used in recent seasons, a switch that was all but unavoidable. Alconbury, Baumholder and Rota were all bumped up to Division II athletics last fall. With Division III sports stalwarts like Brussels and Incirlik not fielding softball teams, that left Italian program Signonella as the only Division III team around.

Rather than run unopposed to the Division III title, however, the Jaguars will find plenty of competition in a Division II field that is now deeper than ever.

Signonella packs a fundamentally sound infield, a proven starting pitcher in senior Chelsea Hinton and 10 freshmen to develop.

Alconbury has long made a habit of knocking off bigger foes, even recording a regular-season win over Division II runner-up AFNORTH last season. But that squad was stocked with seniors, and the new group of Dragons has a tougher road to a title.

Rota will sport a new look featuring first-year coach Anne Porcilli and promising freshman catcher Audrey Howard, but the Admirals also bring back six varsity players from 2013.

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Dylan Wagner and Patch saw their three-year reign as Division I champions ended last season by Ramstein.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Nebraska ready for more than 1-and-done

## Cornhuskers out to earn school's first NCAA tournament victory

By ERIC OLSON  
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Now that Nebraska has made it back to the NCAA tournament, the next challenge is to get a win there.

The Cornhuskers (19-12) go into Friday's West Region game against Baylor (24-11) in San Antonio with the distinction of being one of two power-conference programs to have never won a game in the tournament.

The other one is their Big Ten brethren, Northwestern, which has never even played in the NCAA.

Nebraska coach Tim Miles has repeatedly said he doesn't want his name associated with anything that has or hasn't happened before his arrival last year. The Huskers' 0-6 NCAA record might not be an albatross to him, but he does feel the fans' pain and likened the situation to that of two Major League Baseball teams.

"They've invested emotionally, and they've been burned a few times," Miles said. "They've felt like we're the Cubbies, and I kept telling them, 'Let's pretend we're the Red Sox.'"

It's understandable if longtime followers of the program feel jinxed.

The Huskers' first NCAA appearance came in 1986. They lost 67-59 to Western Kentucky after cutting an 18-point deficit to four points late in the game. Minutes afterward, coach Moe Iba resigned to pursue other opportunities.

Nebraska earned a No. 3 seed in 1991 after a 26-win season under Danny Nee, only to get upset 89-84 by No. 14 Xavier. The

next year, the Huskers fell behind Connecticut by 26 points and lost 86-65.

In 1993, the Huskers lost 93-79 to New Mexico State, with the Aggies' 5-foot-8 Sam Crawford dazzling with 20 points and 16 assists. The Huskers got embarrassed again in 1994, losing 90-80 to 11th-seeded Penn.

It looked like there would be a breakthrough in 1998. But Arkansas wiped out a seven-point deficit in the final eight minutes to beat the 11th-seeded Huskers 74-65. There were six NIT appearances under Barry Collier and Doc Sadler the next 14 years and very little else to cheer. Fan interest waned.

"We had to raise the level of the product on the court," said executive associate athletic director Marc Boehm, who oversees the basketball program.

**'We don't want to be a one-hit wonder.'**

A new Nebraska coach practice facility and new arena has put Nebraska on par with the best programs in the nation from a brick-and-mortar standpoint. Shavon Shields, along with transfers Terran Petteway (Texas Tech) and Walter Pitchford (Florida), have helped Miles point the team in the right direction. Sell-out crowds of 15,000-plus are the norm at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Nebraska won 10 of 12 games after a 9-9 start and, in spite of a second-half meltdown against Ohio State in the Big Ten tournament, landed a No. 11 seed.

"It's a small step in the big picture of where we want to be and what we want to do," Shields said. "We kind of underachieved in the Big Ten tournament, and I think



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Terran Petteway (5) transferred from Texas Tech to Nebraska has helped the Big Ten's Cornhuskers win 10 of 12 after a 9-9 start and earn a No. 11 seed for the NCAA tournament. Nebraska faces former Big 12 opponent Baylor in the second round of tournament's West Region on Friday in San Antonio.

we're ready to bounce back in the NCAA."

For all the excitement around the program, Miles is keeping an eye on the big picture.

"Let's say we win and make a run. Is that good enough? No, it's not good enough," he said. "Now you want to be a team that can do that every year. There is always going to be the next step to take for this program."

"In this business you can be a flash in the pan — hot one day, cooled the next. That's not what we want to be. We don't want to be

a one-hit wonder."

Much of the NCAA talk around the state has been about what would happen if the Huskers and Creighton both win their openers — the Bluejays play Louisiana-Lafayette on Friday. That would set up a game between the in-state rivals with a spot in the Sweet 16 at stake.

Miles isn't worried about his players leaving beyond Baylor.

"We've never won a game in the NCAA tournament," he said. "It's going to be easy to concentrate on the first one."

## Did you know

Nebraska and Northwestern are the only two major basketball programs that have never won an NCAA men's tournament game.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

## Sons: Coaches credit Wisconsin's Ryan for their successes

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following Ryan to the Badgers for a few years, is now head coach of Summit League champion North Dakota State. His team plays Oklahoma on Thursday in Spokane, Wash.

Jeter, the current coach at Milwaukee, had the toughest road after leading a team picked last in the Horizon League preseason poll to the conference tournament title and an automatic NCAA bid.

Milwaukee is a No. 15 seed in the East and plays

Wisconsin head coach Bo Ryan directs the Badgers against Minnesota in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten tournament on March 14.

MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Villanova on Thursday in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jeter and Ryan have been in touch a few times over the past week, and Jeter may reach out again before Thursday. But he knows not to pester Ryan too much. You know "how he gets," Jeter told reporters.

And that would be?

"His attention to detail is so obvious. He just really demands — OK let's move to the next thing. Let's make sure that we're ready. I think as an assistant, you wonder if he's really enjoying the moment," Jeter said before practice Monday.

"He really is, but he's so competitive."

During one of Milwaukee's rough patches this season, Jeter asked his players if they were also watching Wisconsin. At the time, the Badgers were in the midst of a slump of five losses in six games.

The players noticed that defense was a problem.

"I said, 'But have you noticed anything else?' They haven't changed a thing. They didn't change defenses. They didn't change how they cover. They just walked harder at it," Jeter said.

"To me, it's just a reminder of staying the course, work your plan and you've got to believe in what you're doing."

After learning Sunday of North Dakota State's fate, Phillips gave credit to Ryan and his late father, Butch Ryan, who died last summer.

Phillips said Butch Ryan "was like a crazy uncle to all of us ... I can't help but think somehow Butch is up there orchestrating this all so all Bo's guys get in. It's pretty special."

On Phillips' coaching staff is Ryan's eldest son, Will Ryan. He played for his father on the Division II national title teams at Wisconsin-Platteville in 1998-99, and followed his dad to Milwaukee the following two years. Later, Will Ryan joined dad on the Wisconsin staff as a volunteer assistant.

Every year at the Final Four, Ryan takes former assistants or players to dinner no matter what has happened to their respective teams in the tourney. It could be a big bill this year.

"The dinner is going to be a lot more fun this year," Chambliss said. "He has a lot of guys in there."





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BOB LEVERONE/AP

Virginia's Anthony Gill, left, and Duke's Rodney Hood battle for a rebound Sunday during the championship game of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament in Greensboro, N.C. Virginia won 72-63 and earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

# Success built on big loss

## Blowout against Tennessee led to Virginia's turnaround

By HANK KURZ JR.  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. The worst game of Virginia's season was also the one that sparked the Cavaliers' turnaround.

Virginia got pounded 87-52 at Tennessee on Dec. 30 — and the drubbing was on national television. The Volunteers scorched Virginia's defense, making 11 of 18 three-point shots, led by 22 points at halftime and kept pouring it on.

In the Cavaliers' locker room afterward, the chatter about what to do began.

Senior Joe Harris said the discussions continued for the next few days, with the Cavaliers realizing they weren't as talented as some had suggested. The reality also set in that they had no shot at getting the most out of their talent if they continued to play as individuals.

"We tried doing it our way where, I wouldn't say guys were being selfish, but it was more of an individual approach offensively and defensively," Harris said this week as he and the Cavaliers began preparing to return to the NCAA tournament as Atlantic Coast Conference champions and a No. 1 seed. They face Coastal Carolina on Friday night in Raleigh, N.C.

"It was humbling," Harris said. "We got blown out and I think we realized that things needed to change."

With ACC play looming, there was time.



SCOTT MUTHERSBAUGH, BURLINGTON TIMES-NEWS/AP

Virginia guard Justin Anderson points to the crowd in celebration during the Cavaliers' 64-51 over Florida State on Friday in the ACC quarterfinals.

The change started with Harris, an all-ACC first-team selection as a junior and the focal point of most opposing defenses, and fellow senior Aki Mitchell. Both were scoring less than they had the previous season, learning adjusted roles.

It extended to guard Malcolm Brogdon, the floor leader, and Anthony Gill, the transfer from South Carolina finally eligible to play after sitting out a season, and took off with the development of freshman point guard London Perrantes. His steadiness with the ball belied his youth and in-

experience, and allowed Brogdon to play the scoring guard.

"It was a process I had to buy into for sure," said Mitchell, the team's top rebounder. "It wasn't fun for a little while, but I think every guy on this team has had to buy into that and that's something special about this team. We all put those egos aside and said we have to do what is best for this team, whether that's take less shots, if that's play a different role. That sacrifice was necessary, and once we did that is when you saw our game take another step, and that's more satisfying than anything else."

When Virginia opened ACC play five days later, it emerged as a virtually different team and won 78-66 at Florida State, its first of three straight victories. After a last-second 69-65 loss at Duke, it won 13 in a row before stumbling at Maryland. But after the loss to the Terrapins, the Cavaliers regrouped and won their first ACC tournament in 38 years.

"We knew we could be good if we came together and played with great chemistry, but we didn't know if that would actually happen," said Brogdon, whose 12.6 scoring average leads Virginia.

"You see a lot of teams with a lot of talent where that doesn't really happen, and they don't come together. We have, and we've put ourselves in a really good position right now to take advantage of a great opportunity."

# Spartans peaking at just the right time

By LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State's up-and-down team might be peaking at just the right time.

The Spartans started the season ranked second and rose to No. 1 for three weeks. They tumbled toward the bottom of the Top 25 before bouncing back with an impressive three-win stretch to earn the Big Ten tournament championship.

"There are people around here that pronounced us dead a week ago," coach Tom Izzo said. "All of a sudden we went from the ugly duckling to the prom queen."

Despite being a fourth-seeded team in the NCAA tournament and ranked No. 11 in the country, some oddsmakers have made the Spartans a 9-2 pick to win the national title, behind only top-seeded Florida.

Just a week ago, Michigan State was slumping into the conference tournament and searching for chemistry it lost during an injury- and illness-stunted season. Izzo's goals last weekend in Indianapolis were for his players to get much-needed time together in at least two games, cut down on turnovers, improve on defense and to get their "swagger" back.

"I'd say in those three areas, we hit a home run. We did do those three things," he said. "Now, the goal will be: Can we consistently do them and keep building on it and getting better? As much gratification as I saw in the weekend, there's still a lot of work to be done, trust me, as far as where we are and where we need to be."

The Spartans open their 17th straight NCAA tournament on Thursday against 13th-seeded Delaware in Spokane, Wash.

The Spartans are playing closer to their potential because their deep, talented and experienced team is together after being broken up for much of the year due to a string of health-related setbacks.

Seniors Adrian Payne and Keith Appling will be very motivated to win at least four games. The duo doesn't want to be the first players in Izzo's program to stay four years and fail to make it to the Final Four.

While Izzo insisted he's not talking about that fact, Payne said it's one of his daily thoughts.

"I think and pray about that every day," Payne said last week. "It's on my mind when we practice. I know I haven't made it to one yet, and this is my last chance."

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KUCHIRO SATO/AP

Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo, right, talks to Brandon Dawson.

## NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Wildcats staying focused amid doubters

By JOHN MARSHALL  
The Associated Press

Arizona was a popular pick to become an upset victim against Belmont in last year's NCAA tournament. This year, the Wildcats have been tabbed by some to be the first No. 1 seed to get knocked off, possibly by their second game.

Yeah, it's annoying to constantly be doubted, especially with everything Arizona has accomplished under coach Sean Miller.

All the Wildcats can do is shrug and keep their focus on what's in front of them.

"The bottom line is, just win," Miller said. "It's not about talking or predicting. Unfortunately, the people who predict, no one ever holds them to their prediction. They go on and make another prediction."

**'The bottom line is just win. It's not about talking or predicting.'**

Sean Miller  
Arizona coach

It's an awesome job. If you're right, great, if you're not, who cares? Just do it again." The Wildcats have had a knack quieting the doubters.

They put a quick end to the upset talk against Belmont last year, overpowering the Bruins in a 17-point win. Even after bouncing Belmont, Arizona still had doubters, picked by some to lose to Harvard. The Wildcats make a mockery of that, too, rolling the Crimson by 23 on their way to the Elite Eight.

Doubts crept up again this season when sophomore forward Brandon Ashley went down with a season-ending foot injury on Feb. 1. No way could the Wildcats survive without one of their best players was what they heard.

Again, they refused to listen, using the perceived slight as chip-on-their-shoulder motivation to win the Pac-12 regular-season title and reach the conference championship game.

Now, the Wildcats are hearing it again.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Arizona's Nick Johnson, left, and T.J. McConnell celebrate in the semifinals of the Pac-12 Conference on Friday. The Wildcats are focusing on silencing the critics who think the Wildcats will be the first No. 1 seed to get knocked off in the NCAA tournament.

Not in the opening game. No one is really expecting Weber State to take down Arizona on Friday in San Diego; no No. 16 seed has ever beaten a 1 and the desert version of Wildcats appear to be too deep and athletic for the ones from Utah.

The supposed problem for Arizona comes after that, possibly on Sunday by ninth-seeded Oklahoma State if the Cowboys get past Gonzaga in their opening game. After that, it could be San Diego State in the next round, possibly Creighton or Oregon after

that, surely by No. 2 Wisconsin in the West Regional final.

The Wildcats aren't listening. They know the predicting business is not far from an exact science, particularly in the madness of March.

"What you find is all of a sudden the teams that you felt were strong get upset and they aren't even in the tournament," Miller said. "Things can change quickly in one game. It changes dramatically in the first weekend. For us, we have to play to

win. You can't be out there playing not to lose."

Arizona's focus allowed it to get through a season of taking every team's best shot.

With a storied program like theirs, the Wildcats are always going to be a trophy on the wall for teams that beat them. Adding to it, Arizona opened the season in the top 10, spent two months at No. 1 and had everyone chasing them as the leaders in the Pac-12.

Thirty wins and a No. 1 seeding later, Arizona has shown it can withstand the pressure.

"We started very highly ranked. I think everyone wondered if we were worthy," Miller said. "But because we proved ourselves so early on and we were the No. 1 team in the nation for eight weeks, we know how that feels. Everywhere you go you have a heightened environment. Part of what I hope is that we've kind of become battle-tested through it. We've been against really good teams in hostile environments. We've been in real close games. We've been there and done that."

Arizona will have a nice advantage once the NCAA tournament starts: Location.

Wildcats fans already travel well and won't have to go far to support their team the tournament's first two weekends. After the first two rounds in San Diego, Arizona would move just up Interstate 5 to Anaheim, Calif.

Wildcats fans made the MGM Grand Garden Arena feel like the McKale Center West last week in Las Vegas and will likely fill the seats with red in Southern California.

"For us, any time we can stay in the West, we bring the best fans in the country," Miller said. "The environment in Las Vegas, in my mind, the most disappointing part of losing the championship game is that we had so many fans there that traveled so well that they deserved to stick around and see us hold the trophy. You feel that responsibility. It will help us down the road. It gives us an energy. Every team covets that home crowd. We have that."

## Western Michigan not intimidated by Syracuse

By LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

Western Michigan is in the NCAA men's basketball tournament for the first time in a decade.

A pair of fifth-year seniors — one with a possible future in the NBA, one who coaches didn't expect to be playing anymore — have helped the Broncos play with the best in college basketball.

Western Michigan is seeded 14th and will play third-seeded Syracuse on Thursday in Buffalo, N.Y.

"I've never seen any guys bothered by a crowd," Broncos coach Steve Hawkins said. "Syracuse may bother us because of how good they are, but I don't think the setting will be too much for us."

Syracuse's scouting report will likely focus on Shayne Whittington and David Brown.

Whittington, a 6-foot-11 center from Paw Paw, Mich., will get a chance to show the nation what about half of NBA teams have



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seen in person.

Brown, meanwhile, is just glad anyone gets to see him play. He has had surgeries to repair torn knee and ankle ligaments, which led to doubts about his future after his season-ending knee injury early in the 2011-12 season.

"I thought my career was over and I was done forever," Brown recalled in a telephone interview Tuesday. "As soon as they said there was a chance I could play, I dedicated myself to coming back."

Brown, who is from Roscoe, Ill., bounced back well enough to be the Mid-American Conference

Sixth Man of the Year last season and to average a team-high 19.4 points this season. He was named MVP of the MAC tournament after scoring a career-high 32 points — making five three-pointers — in the final against Toledo.

Whittington averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds over two games, earning a spot on the all-tournament team. He averaged 16.3 points, with an inside-out game, and 9.1 rebounds during the regular season.

"What NBA scouts have told us is, he could be a 'Stretch 4,' in the league because he can really shoot and he's athletic for his size," Hawkins said. "We're glad to have him and I'll never forget that he committed to us, calling from his cellphone from the parking lot right after we offered him a scholarship."

Brown potentially could extend his scholarship for a sixth season next year because of injury-shortened seasons, but he's trying not to think about that option right now.

"I am probably eligible for it,



TONY DELANEY/AP

Western Michigan's Shayne Whittington has gotten attention from NBA scouts. He'll draw a lot of attention from Syracuse on Thursday.

but I'm not sure what I'm going to do," he said. "I'm just going to focus on what we're trying to do against Syracuse."

Western Michigan has won two NCAA tournament games, one in 1998 against Clemson and in 1976 against Virginia Tech, in three previous chances.

Win No. 3 in the NCAA tournament will not be easy, playing

a talented team in what will essentially be a road game, but Orange coach Jim Boeheim insisted his team won't take the Broncos lightly.

"Anybody you play in this tournament now, you're going to have a tough game," Boeheim said. "There's no such thing as an easy starting game in the NCAA tournament anymore."

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**FIRST ROUND**  
**At UD Arena**  
**Dayton, Ohio**  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
 Albany (N.Y.) 71, Mount St. Mary's 64  
 N.C. State 74, Xavier 59  
**Wednesday, March 19**  
 Cal Poly (13-19) vs. Texas Southern (19-14)  
 Iowa (20-12) vs. Tennessee (21-12)  
**EAST REGIONAL**  
**Second Round**  
**Thursday, March 20**  
**At Buffalo, N.Y.**  
 UConn (26-5) vs. Saint Joseph's (24-9)  
 Villanova (28-4) vs. Milwaukee (21-13)  
**At Spokane, Wash.**  
 Cincinnati (27-6) vs. Harvard (26-4)  
 Michigan State (26-8) vs. Delaware (25-9)  
**Friday, March 21**  
**At Raleigh, N.C.**  
 Memphis (23-9) vs. George Washington (24-8)  
 Virginia (28-6) vs. Coastal Carolina (21-12)  
**At San Antonio**  
 North Carolina (23-9) vs. Providence (23-11)  
 Iowa State (26-7) vs. NC Central (28-5)  
**SOUTH REGIONAL**  
**Second Round**  
**Thursday, March 20**  
**At Buffalo, N.Y.**  
 Ohio State (25-9) vs. Dayton (23-10)  
 Syracuse (23-5) vs. W. Michigan (23-9)  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
 Colorado (32-11) vs. Pittsburgh (25-9)  
 Florida (32-2) vs. Albany (N.Y.) (19-14)  
**Friday, March 21**  
**At St. Louis**  
 New Mexico (27-6) vs. Stanford (21-12)  
 Kansas (24-9) vs. E. Kentucky (24-9)  
**At San Diego**  
 VCU (26-8) vs. Stephen F. Austin (31-2)  
 UCLA (26-8) vs. Tulsa (21-12)  
**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
**Second Round**  
**Thursday, March 20**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
 Saint Louis (26-7) vs. N.C. State (22-13)  
 Louisville (25-5) vs. Manhattan (25-7)  
**At Milwaukee**  
 Michigan (25-9) vs. Wofford (20-12)  
 Texas (23-10) vs. Arizona State (21-11)  
**Friday, March 21**  
**At Raleigh, N.C.**  
 Duke (26-8) vs. Mercer (22-10)  
 UMass (24-5) vs. Iowa-Tennessee winner  
**At St. Louis**  
 Wichita State (34-0) vs. Cal Poly-Texas Southern winner  
 Kentucky (24-10) vs. Kansas St. (20-12)  
**EAST REGIONAL**  
**Second Round**  
**Thursday, March 20**  
**At Milwaukee**  
 Wisconsin (26-7) vs. American (20-12)  
 Oregon (23-9) vs. BYU (23-11)  
**At Spokane, Wash.**  
 Oklahoma (23-9) vs. North Dakota State (25-6)  
 San Diego State (29-4) vs. New Mexico State (26-9)  
**Friday, March 21**  
**At San Antonio**  
 Baylor (30-4) vs. Weber State (19-12)  
 Creighton (26-7) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (23-11)  
**At San Diego**  
 Arizona (30-4) vs. Weber State (19-11)  
 Gonzaga (28-6) vs. Oklahoma St. (21-12)

**Games on AFN**




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**Cincinnati vs. Harvard**  
 AFN-Pacific  
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SKIP PETERSON/AP

North Carolina State forward T.J. Warren dunks against Xavier in the first-round game of the NCAA tournament on Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio. Warren scored 16 of his 25 points in the second half to lead the Wolfpack to the first-round victory.

## Warren shines for NC State

### Albany survives back-and-forth game for first tournament victory ever

By JOE KAY  
 The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — In his second try, T.J. Warren became an NCAA tournament star. The ACC's player of the year put on a show Tuesday night, scoring 16 of his 25 points in the second half of North Carolina State's 74-59 victory over Xavier on the opening day of the NCAA's First Four.

Then, it was off to the airport and a two-hour flight to Orlando, Fla., where the fast-closing Wolfpack (22-12) will play on Thursday against fifth-seeded St. Louis in the Midwest Regional.

Warren was the main reason N.C. State got another flight to somewhere other than home. He made up for his forgettable tournament showing a year earlier on the same floor and prevented Xavier (21-14) from getting any traction in the second half.

"I just wanted to come out and be aggressive," said Warren, who was 10-for-18 from the field. "My shots wouldn't fall in the first half, but my teammates did a great job of finding me."

No surprise there.

"Eventually in a 40-minute game, he's going to find a way," coach Matt Gottfried said.

Center Matt Steinbrook led Xavier with 19 points and nine rebounds despite an injured left knee. Leading scorer Semaj Christon was limited to 14 points, and Xavier made only two of 14 shots from beyond the arc.

Xavier's biggest disappointment was its inability to slow down the Wolfpack in the second half, when N.C. State shot 61.5 percent from the field.

"We weren't ourselves today on defense," Steinbrook said. "We build our identity on defense. When we can't get stops, it ruins everything else. Overall, it was just a shambles."

Xavier was playing in a familiar arena less than an hour from campus. Familiar, but not

entirely friendly. Fans of the Dayton Flyers — a long-time rival — booed loudly as they took the court.

Warren helped N.C. State take all the drama out of the game in the final 11 minutes.

The Wolfpack went six years between NCAA appearances before Gottfried got them there three years in a row. This was his youngest and least-experienced team: Only two players with tournament experience. They got one of the final at-large bids with a strong closing run, winning five of their last six games, including an upset of Syracuse in the ACC tournament.

Warren was the key. And he really wanted a second chance at the NCAA tournament.

As a freshman last year, he managed only four points as N.C. State lost to Temple 76-72 in its opening game in Dayton. He's grown a lot in one year, leading the ACC with 24.8 points per game this season and hitting the 40-point mark twice.

In the opening game on Tuesday, Albany got its first NCAA tournament victory, holding on for a 71-64 win over Mount St. Mary's. D.J. Evans scored 22 points and hit two clinching free throws with 12.6 seconds left.

The Great Danes (19-14) earned a shot against overall No. 1 seed and top-ranked Florida in Orlando on Thursday.

The game provided a wild start to the tournament. Albany scored the first 13 points and led 21-2 after the opening 8½ minutes, only to have Mount St. Mary's (16-17) respond with a 21-2 run of its own to draw even.

Peter Hooley hit two free throws and, the next time down court, scored on a driving layup over a defender for a 67-64 lead. Mount St. Mary's, which hit 12 of 37 three-pointers, missed two of them in the final 68 seconds.

"We had to go on a little run of our own, and we did," said Hooley, who had 20 points. "They went on another run, and then we had to fight back and make another run. That's



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Albany guard Peter Hooley drives for two of his 20 points against Mount St. Mary's guard Julian Norfleet during the NCAA tournament first-round game on Tuesday.

what we pride ourselves on, being resilient. The fact that we managed to pull it out is a great thing."

Albany got its first NCAA win.

"Our goal coming into this game was to stay big, play big, be strong," said Great Danes coach Will Brown. "I'm proud of my guys. We weathered the storm, we stayed the course, and we made plays down the stretch."



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**Rob Jeter, Milwaukee**

■ **2013-14 record:** 21-13, Horizon League tournament champion  
 ■ **NCAA tournament seed:** No. 15 in East region  
 ■ **First game:** vs. No. 2 seed Villanova (28-4) Friday at First Niagara Center in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Saul Phillips, North Dakota State**

■ **2013-14 record:** 25-6, Summit League regular-season and tournament champion  
 ■ **NCAA tournament seed:** No. 12 in West region  
 ■ **First game:** vs. No. 5 seed Oklahoma Thursday at Spokane Arena in Spokane, Wash.

**Tony Bennett, Virginia**

■ **2013-14 record:** 28-6, Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season and tournament champion  
 ■ **NCAA tournament seed:** No. 1 in East region  
 ■ **First game:** vs. No. 16 seed Coastal Carolina (21-12) Friday at PNC Arena in Raleigh, N.C.

**‘I think as an assistant, you wonder if he’s really enjoying the moment. He really is, but he’s so competitive.’**

**Rob Jeter**

Former assistant coach at Wisconsin under Bo Ryan, right

# The sons also rise

## Wisconsin mentor’s coaching tree in full bloom for NCAA tourney trio

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
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Somewhere in a Wisconsin basketball media guide or highlight DVD is a photo that made coach Bo Ryan especially proud this past week.

Ryan remembers it well. He’s there with then-assistants Rob Jeter, Tony Bennett and Saul Phillips celebrating a big Badgers victory. Now they’re all in the NCAA tournament together as head coaches.

The Ryan coaching tree is in full bloom this March.

“Everybody that’s in that huddle is in the NCAA tournament,” Ryan said. “It’s always

nice to be dancing.”

Second-seeded Wisconsin opens the tournament Thursday against 15th-seeded American in Milwaukee. Ho-hum, just a 16th straight year in the NAAs for the Badgers.

Bennett, a Wisconsin assistant for Ryan’s Badgers debut season in 2001, has Virginia one better as the top seed in the East region after winning the ACC. The Cavaliers face Coastal Carolina on Friday in Raleigh, N.C.

Phillips, an assistant under Ryan at Wisconsin-Milwaukee before

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